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The nomination deadline is Friday August 3.

"Everyone can contribute to keep our community looking good" said Rick Cox, Director of Community Services. "Even if you're no green thumb, by cleaning up litter in and near your yard or planting a tree you are doing your part."

Building on the work done by the Minden Merchants Revitalization Committee with their "Get Proud" project, the Every Yard Counts campaign hopes to spread the idea that residents and businesses have a role to play in keeping the Township attractive to visitors. Cox commented that "the idea is one that I hope will 'grow' into a more comprehensive community beautification initiative for next year and build towards the Sesquicentennial of Minden in 2009."

In addition to the publicity campaign, nominations are being accepted for Every Yard Counts Awards of Merit. Awards will be given in residential, commercial and neighbourhood categories. Nomination forms are available at the Township office, the Cultural Centre and various locations around town, and must be dropped off at the Township office. The nomination deadline is Friday August 3.

The Horticultural Society is arranging the judges and will carry out the judging of the nominees in all three categories in August. Residents are encouraged to nominate people or businesses and/or hand out nomination forms to others.

If you have any questions or suggestions contact Rick Cox at the Township of Minden Hills, 286-1260 ext. 220.

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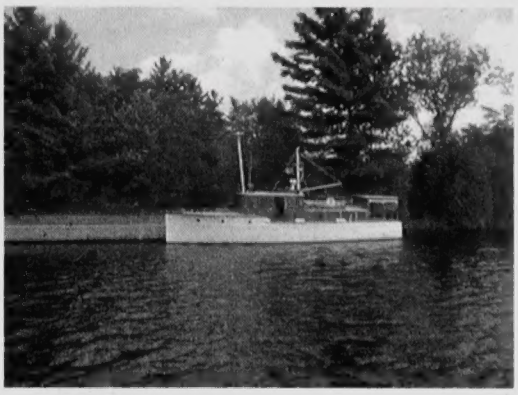
Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway
Businesses - Your Input is Needed

Since the creation of the Trent-Severn Waterway system a century ago, the lakes of Haliburton Sector have been used as reservoirs to allow for management of water levels in the System through a series of dams.



The TSW was originally an important artery, designed to allow the transportation of goods and people by joining lakes and rivers in Central Ontario. As time passed, the economic conditions and demographics of the area changed markedly. Today, the TSW is primarily a recreational route and the reservoir lakes - formerly barely inhabited - now provide permanent and seasonal homes to tens of thousands of people, support dozens of towns and local livelihoods of many thousands more, and support a diverse and relatively healthy ecology of fish and wildlife.

In recent years, seasonal water flow out of the reservoir lakes have created issues for both shoreline and non-shoreline residents. Water levels typically fluctuate between two and seven feet, depending on the lake. With the threat of climate change and competing economic interests, Parks Canada is seeking a way to better satisfy the many stakeholders in their management of the TSW system. Parks Canada has appointed a six member panel to meet with stakeholders and the public about the many complex issues, challenges and opportunities facing the system. This panel will meet in various locations throughout the summer and hold public forums. A wealth of information can be found at www.tswpanel.ca as well as dates and times of the meetings. We encourage all to come out and voice their concerns and opinions to these meeting.

The devastating effects of the ever inconsistent water levels is far reaching and have starting to hinder the economic growth of Haliburton County. With summer tourism declining, the possibility of not being able to use our lakes and water systems is a concern to all in Haliburton County.

Therefore, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce would like to make a presentation to the TSW Panel coming to Minden on August 14th, 2007 representing all businesses and business concerns in Haliburton County.

They have compiled a list of questions that will help them better prepare a presentation to the Panel and would appreciate your input.

Just reply to Charlene at the Chamber of Commerce via an email, filling in your responses to the questions and she will then send out our final report based on the information received.

1. How has the changing water levels affected your business? (Directly, indirectly or not at all)
2. Please explain.
3. Have you noticed an increase or decrease in natural habitats and resources as a result of the water levels in Haliburton?
4. Have you heard complaints? (Many, some or not at all)
5. Can you list a few of the complaints?
6. Have you heard any positive comments in regards to water control in Haliburton County?
7. Can you list a few of the comments?
8. Do you have a personal story to share with us that would help better understand the affect of water levels on you as a resident in Haliburton County?
9. Do you have a personal story to share with us that would help better understand the affect of water levels on you as a business owner in Haliburton County?

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Walkers Heating & Cooling

Spotlight On Business

by Terrance Gavan

WALKERS HEATING CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

If a picture's worth a thousand words, then the two pictures in the bottom corner of the Walker's Heating and Cooling Systems glossy 25'th Anniversary brochure must be worth at least 10,000 - allowing for the exponential flux of the 1 to 1000 rule. (See Gav's Law of Pixels).

In one picture Jerry Walker is pictured standing in front of his very first truck shortly after buying Roger's Burner Service back in 1982. The second picture shows Jerry in front of one of his trucks today.

I may lean a little to the sentimental, but it speaks reams to me about perseverance, principles and staying hard on the rudder while navigating your dream.

Walker smiles, remembering, as if yesterday, that first vehicle and the young guy who was brash enough to take on a pretty formidable challenge.

"Back then it was one man and one truck," smiles Walker, whose workforce today consists of a fleet of trucks and 15 full time employees.

As the Taoist Lao Tzu said: "A journey of a 1000 miles (10,000?) must begin with a single step."

Walker's journey actually began 30 years ago.

Walker and his wife moved to Haliburton shortly after they were married back in 1977.

"We moved to the area from Jarvis, Ontario back in 1977," says Walker. "We got married one week and the next week we moved up here.

"We came here because we liked the area and I have always liked hunting, fishing and getting out on the snowmobile," says Walker.

"I started work in Minden in 1977 with a heating firm," says Walker. By 1982, Walker was anxious to forge some new tracks of his own, and when Roger's Burner Service came up for sale, he jumped at the opportunity.

From those humble beginnings, Walker gradually became immersed in all facets of the HVAC industry.

"I grew gradually," says Walker, who to this day, maintains that in order to remain competitive in this business, it's necessary to take stay on top of the technology.

"Back when I started it was strictly a burner service and that's all I did at first... service heaters," says Walker.

"Since then we have expanded from burners to the point where we now deal with all kinds of heat installations, retrofits, repairs and air conditioning systems installs," says Walker.

Which brings to mind another Tzu aphorism: "If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading."

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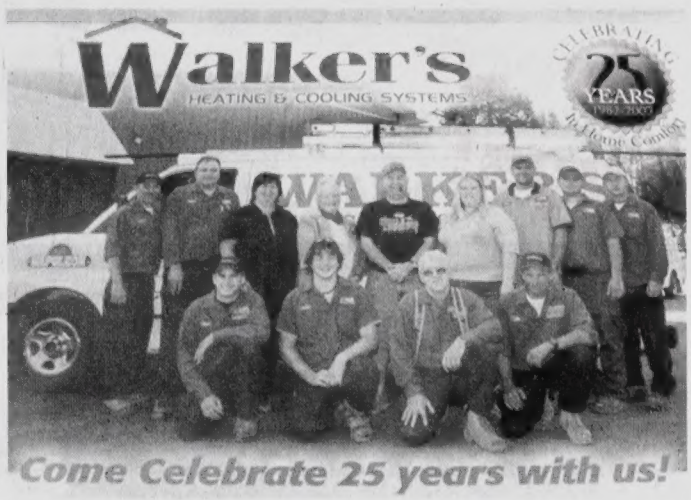
In this case, not a warning, but a recipe for success.

Walker stresses that education is an important factor when it comes to advances in the industry.

"We make sure that all of our service technicians are trained and are current with the systems," says Walker. "We try to do all of our own training and we also take courses to educate the staff."

"We have also expanded into air conditioning and we are full-install-capable for new houses and cottages," says Walker. "We now employ two fully-licensed sheet metal workers and they do all of our ducting work."



Heating and cooling system technology has expanded exponentially over 25 years, and no one knows that better than Walker, who has seen it all from the catbird seat. Technology is seeking to address growing concern over green applications and the rising cost of fuel.

"People are looking for more efficient ways to heat their houses, because it can be a major factor in the total cost of owning a house or a cottage," says Walker.

MOVE TO PROPANE

To that end, Walker's is now installing a lot of propane applications. "Fuel oil is still the most popular application, but we are seeing more people moving toward propane," says Walker.

At present propane is listing at 61 cents per liter and fuel oil at about 80 cents per liter. That's a little misleading, because fuel oil still delivers more bang in the form of the BTU Buck per liter of product.

But Walker says ecologically, propane presents less of a danger to the environment. Propane spills leak out into the air and dissipate through the atmosphere. Walker says that fuel oil spills do carry the threat of groundwater pollution and for that reason, among others, people are considering propane as an option.

"We are a full service propane dealer now and affiliated with Kelly's Propane in Peterborough," says Walker. "Now we can do the complete propane installation, supply an account and set up a delivery as part of a total package."

He adds that the lure of propane lies in its inherent flexibility. In addition to heating and hot water functions, one can also fuel the cook range, clothes dryer, fireplace, pool heater, spa and even outdoor lights. The increasing availability of the product is also spurring the application in both new and retrofitted installations.

"You can also tie the propane system to a back-up generator which is plugged right into you electrical board," says Walker. This is an application that remains a popular bit of technology here in cottage country, where weather can knock a house off the grid for extended periods.

"When the power goes out, the propane generator starts up within 15 seconds of the outage," says Walker.

HEATED FLOOR OPTION

The other innovation in heating concerns ambient floor warming and heating. Walker says it's another technology that seems to be growing in popularity.

And it can be used in a number of different applications.

"We recently installed the heated floor system in a hangar at Stanhope Airport and it's a great system," says Walker.

"More and more people are also looking at installing the floor warming in their basements, because basements don't generally heat very well, but in this case it seems to work really well."

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The free community event, offers residents and visitors of all ages the opportunity to enjoy a movie under the stars and will feature the Academy Award-winning animated movie *Happy Feet*. The event begins at 7:00pm and includes a supervised kids play area, a silent auction and karaoke prior to the dusk screening. Families are encouraged to bring their blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of free entertainment under the stars.

Highlands East Art & Craft Tour Fast Approaching

The Highlands East Art and Craft Tour returns again this year for it's 5th anniversary on the weekend of August 11-12 . The Highlands East Arts & Crafts Tour will take you through the breathtaking scenery and the quaint communities of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham in east Haliburton County - A Natural Work of Art. Inspired by the beautiful lakes and hills of Highlands East between Bancroft and Haliburton this group of artists and artisans create exquisite 'one-of-a-kind' creations in a wide variety of media. The 2007 Studio Tour has 8 NEW Artists and Artisans, each creating exquisite 'one-of-a-kind' creations throughout various locations in Highlands East Haliburton County. You can expect to see; Original Oil, Acrylic & Watercolour Paintings,Functional Pottery,Blown Glass, creative woodworking, needle art (Knit & Crochet),Soapstone Sculpture & Wood Carving, Metal Works & Blacksmithing, Creative Nature & Landscape Photography, Sepia Drawings Fabric Art: Unique Embellished Apparel, Quilts, Wall Hangings, Home Decor, Handcrafted Gifts, Cottage Accessories Folk Art a*nd much more! To learn more about the tour or to get a map for the tour* ***visit www.highlandseastartour.com*** *or call*, 705-448-2664, or email **info@highlandseastartour.com**

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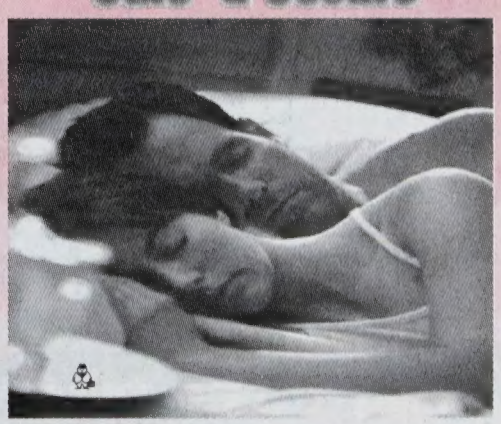

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comfort and efficiency. It allows for a flexible temperature control, providing more heat in sectors where it's needed most. And that adds to the overall efficiency of the system, which, according to Walker, is what most people are looking at today.

"The secret to economical heating is efficiency, and that's why it's very important to start with an efficient house," says Walker. And that makes eminent sense. One gains no advantage by installing a state-of-the-art heating and cooling system if the home is not properly insulated.

"We start with an efficient home and then we look to supply the best system to fit the house," says Walker.

Even though we are reading more and more about the efficacy of heating through solar, Walker says that the technology has not yet caught on in any discernible way here in cottage country.

"We are seeing some solar, but not a great percentage compared to fuel oil and propane," says Walker. He does expect solar energy to become a factor in the future as soon as the technology catches up and the price goes down.

"So far we have done very little work with solar heat, but it's an up-and-coming technology and we're starting to see more of it every year," says Walker.

BIGGEST CHANGE

Walker has seen a lot of other, less subtle, changes over the past 25 years.

"Well, we've been around so long that we're now being called in to replace our own individual installations," says Walker, who adds that the life of a heating system is about 18 to 20 years.

Walker has also noticed that people are now finding a formerly untapped notion of frugality when it comes to heating.

"Back in the 80's when fuel oil was really cheap (about 30 cents per gallon) people were not worried about the cost of heating," says Walker.

"Now, it's one of the first questions we hear. People are asking, 'how much is it going to cost me to heat,' and we never heard that in the past.

"There's a whole new mindset today, and people are very concerned with keeping costs down, whether they are building new or retrofitting their current residence," says Walker.

Looking back, Walker is also understandably proud of his track record. "We have a great staff," says Walker. "I like to think that I've contributed to the economy in a small way."

And Walker has indeed immersed himself in all facets of the community since arriving here 30 years ago.

He served as a volunteer member of the Haliburton Fire Department for 10 years and is a member of the Rotary Club involved in local service work.

He has also served as a councilor on two occasions, from 93-96 and again in 2000.

And, he has no plans to settle down just yet.

"No..." chuckles Walker, "I'm too young to retire."

"There are two mistakes one can make along the road." Siddharta wrote, "not going all the way and not starting."

And, 25 years after that first step, Walker is still moving happily along the path, somewhere between the start and the end... no mistakes and no regrets.

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The premier off-road trailriding event in Ontario sold out in less than one day!! The response to the Annual Northern Lights Charity Trailfest, also known as "CampNL" and now in its fifth year, has been overwhelming. Registrations opened online and within 24 hours the 100 participating truck spots were sold out! Last year CampNL 2006 sold out in just over five weeks, but CampNL 2007 smashed that record. Why?

CampNL is a weekend for off-road trailriding, camping, delicious food and enjoying the company of like-minded off-road enthusiasts. Organized and executed entirely by passionate volunteers of the Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationists, CampNL offers three days of unprecedented trailriding for over 300 participants on public access trails. The highlight of the weekend is the Saturday evening BBQ, raffle and presentation. Participants, trail guides and organizers buy up arm lengths of raffle tickets in hopes of winning an array of prizes generously donated by a variety of companies. From aftermarket 4WD manufacturers to dog food companies – there is a huge prize table.

The pay-off is that the money raised from the raffle is donated to the local hospital, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF). Over the five-year history of CampNL more than $20,000 has been raised for the HHHSF and has helped to buy much needed medical equipment such as an emergency room monitor & pediatric immobilizer for injured infants who need x-rays. This is the off-road community giving back to the local area where they take their 4-wheel drive vehicles trailriding.

CampNL's base camp is hosted at the South Lake Trailer Park in Minden, Ontario and the event runs from August 16th to 19th 2007.

It is important to note that CampNL has always been, and continues to be, staged with the consent and participation of all the local officials and governing bodies including the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Town of Minden, The Haliburton Trails and Tours Off-road Advisory Group, The Ontario Provincial Police and the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce.

Off-road trail riding of "Offroading" as it is often called, is one of the few ways that the vast beauty of Canada's backcountry can be enjoyed by the very young, the very old and the disabled who are unable to hike or ride ATV's. It is an activity filled with camaraderie, family fun and friends helping friends. Everywhere you look there are kids, dogs and people of all ages enjoying the great Canadian outdoors. Off-road trail riding benefits the local economy, generating revenue from gas, food & lodging purchases in the rural communities where off-road trail riding is popular.

For more information on the Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationists and CampNL, visit www.of4wd.com.

Watch for participants

The event itself is sold out for participating 4WD vehicles but we're letting all local residents & cottagers know about the event so you know what's happening when you see an influx of 4wd's in the area (mind you – if they all have their way, nobody but the wild animals in the deep bush will see them!!).

For those who catch a glimpse, it's quite a site to see over 150 4WD vehicles cruising through Minden over the weekend of the event, and if local residents knew that the event supports the HHHSF it might help eliminate the, often not so positive, stereotype of those who drive off-road.

Did you know... The average 4WD enthusiast is:
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About the Ontario Federation of 4-Wheeldrive Recreationists:
The Ontario Federation of 4-Wheeldrive Recreationists, founded in 1998 and formally known as Northern Lights 4x4 Trail riders Association, is a co-operative non-profit organization of SUV trailriding clubs and individual members whose focus is to promote and support the growing sport of family trailriding in Canada. They accomplish their goals by working closely with Federal and Provincial government agencies and other trail user groups. They currently represent many thousands of family trail riders in Ontario, Quebec & Alberta and their work promotes the interests of millions of SUV owners all across Canada.
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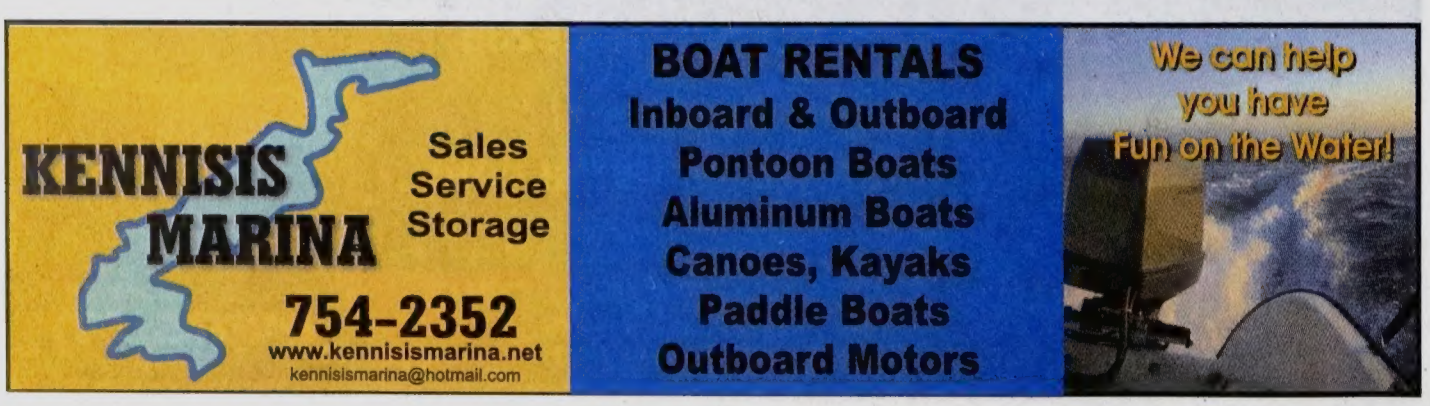

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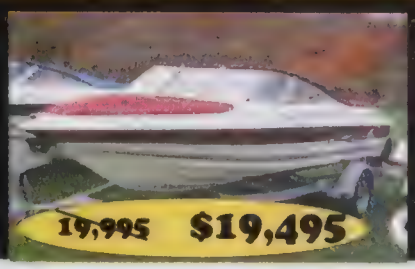

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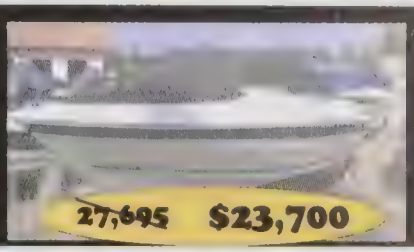

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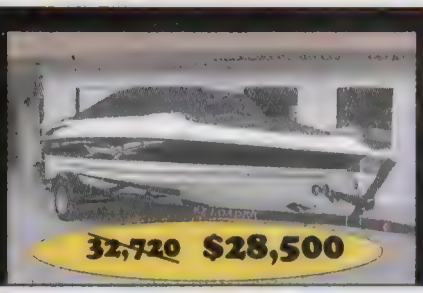

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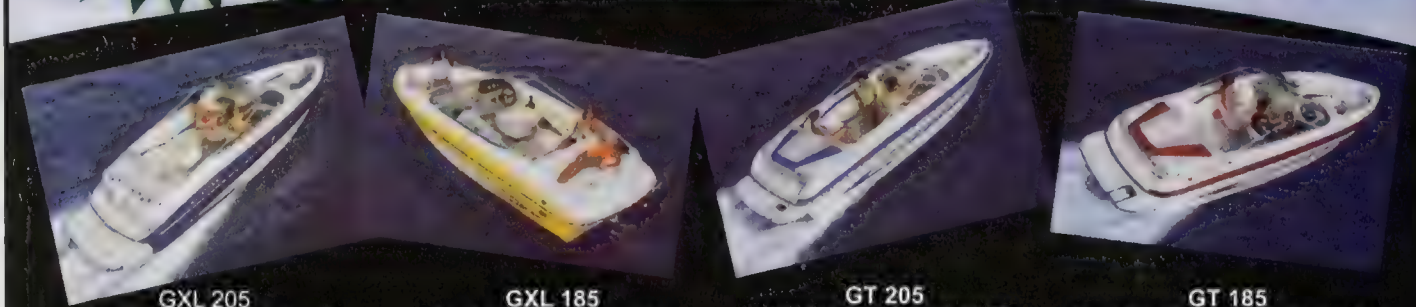

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Profiles on People in Haliburton County

Doug Bates - A Camaro Guy

By George Farrell

In these green days of environmental awareness our collective consciousness directs many of us to rethink our transportation needs. For many men especially, gone are the heady days of expressing manliness via horsepower. Nowadays young men in many urban centres, who at one time would have opted for an American muscle car to encapsulate their take on life, are turning instead to efficient, high revving, high performance, barely street legal euro imports. Gone is the low rumble of the carbureted V8. In its place is the techno howl of the fuel injected 4. The slow show-off cruise down Main Street has been replaced by the street racing scene.

Even in rural areas like ours, 'green' has left its footprint. But unlike in many urban centres, even though they have their classic car clubs, up here in Haliburton County, where change comes more slowly, the love of horsepower for its own sake, and the American stylings of traditional muscle cars, can still be seen. And no doubt about it, there is some romance attached to muscle cars. In fact many of them are owned by people, mainly men, whose first lustful longings were firmly associated with the lure of the slick muscle cars, and the potential of make-out sessions, that driving one was good to guarantee. There have been feature films about the subject; American Graffiti comes to mind.

Still, when all that's said and done it's possible to love a car not only for what it represents, but also just because you think it's beautiful. For Doug Bates of Gooderham, it's maybe a bit of both. "I enjoy all cars, I'm just a bit particular with the Camaro," he understates, as he walks towards the portable garage where his car is kept. Doug bought his first Camaro in 1981, before he was married. He determined quickly that the seat space and configuration was not sufficient for his expanding family, and the Camaro had to go. After high school Doug started working for his future brother- in-law, Dale Oldham, who owned Dale's Texaco, "a garage in town where I still work," says Doug. "We started off by building a couple of modified Dodges. Dale moved out of town in 1979, and after I purchased my silver and grey metallic Camaro in '81 he bought an identical model. His was brown. We got together and proceeded to remove the engine, tranny, and differential on his car so that we could modify it to what was called a Pro Street car. It had a 355 small-block Chev engine, (overbored) with a 671 Detroit blower, which was a supercharger primarily used on Detroit Diesel truck engines," Doug states, with obvious passion. "We showed it at Performers World in Toronto in 1982, and Dale took 1st place in the Pro Street class with it. This show demands top quality vehicles which must equal or exceed their high standards."

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The success of that first show was the beginning of a continuing love affair with Camaros for both Dale and Doug. Dale went on to become President of the Ontario Camaro Club, and Doug has been a judge for the Ontario Camaro Nationals car show. But that all came a bit later. In the meantime, "we got into doing late 80's 'original restored' restorations on Camaros. They were Dale's projects, but I assisted him on all the details," says Doug. "We'd totally dis-assemble the car; nuts, bolts and screws. Anything that needed re-chromed or re-plated was sent out to specialty shops to be done exactly as original, coming off the showroom floor. The bodies went out for body work and repainting. We got all the pieces back and re-assemble them, hoping to remember where everything went," he laughs, at the recollection. "Working on Dale's Camaro got me interested in getting another Camaro of my own to play with," continues Doug. In the years since his first Camaro went as a sacrifice to his family, his boys Tom and Ryan had grown up some, and children's car seats were no longer a consideration. "So, in 1999 I purchased the car I have now, which is a 1989 Camaro RS," Doug says proudly.

Doug pulled back the front flap on the portable garage and then proceeded to get into a gleaming, immaculate 3rd generation, fuel injected, Camaro. A turn of the key and the familiar throaty rumble of the V8 bought back immediate memories. The car was slowly backed out, to reveal its true contours and colour, a beautiful coppery red. "It's simply called red," Doug mentions later. As a lead-up to the purchase of his '89 Camaro Doug recalls some of his doings since those first heady days working with Dale. "In the mid 90's I judged for the Ontario Camaro Nationals, a show which started out in Oshawa," he states. "We ran out of room at the Holiday Inn, and moved the show to Woodstock, to a hotel which had a big enough parking lot for the show. It was also closer to the border for the U.S. people who come up to the show. The Ontario Camaro Nationals is the only show that the Ontario Camaro Club (OCC) hosts each year, and it's now being held at the Four Points Sheridan hotel in St. Catharines, to be even closer to the U.S. I would say that this year out of 230 cars entered about 40 cars came from the U.S.A." he says.

"It was in very good original shape, when I bought it" Doug Bates says of his 1989 Camaro RS. "It was never winter driven, but it did have a couple of parking lot dings. I bought it for $6,000 back in '99. The appraised insured value now," he reveals, "is $18,500." To restore the car "mostly it was cleaning and detailing every nook and cranny one end to the other, underneath as well. "I dis-assembled all the accessories of the engine and restored them to the exact factory specifications, and then re-assembled to comply to the category called Original Restored. The key is not to over restore. There are areas in the engine compartment that were missing their coat of paint, because these 3rd generation Camaros were the first to be painted by robots," he states. These missed areas, though not really important to the manufacturer, or to most of the original owners, are very important to those who want to enter their Camaros in the Original Restored class at car shows. "Owners who paint over the misses are over restoring," according to Doug. "They lose points with some judges," he claims. "When I was judging I looked at that as over restored, and if it came to a

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tie-breaker, the one that hadn't been over restored would get my vote."

"I entered my Camaro 4 times, (in the Ontario Camaro Nationals) and I've got a first , 2 seconds, and this year I was third in the Original Restored category, Doug says, with justifiable pride. "The competition is getting stiffer each year because as the age of the vehicle increases the quantity declines." As the quantity declines they become more desirable to collectors and professional restorers. As the vehicles age, restorers are having to repaint, "and that also brings the class up,' says Doug. His own Camaro was last painted in 2003.

Doug hasn't judged since he started entering his Camaro in competitions. He prefers to drive his Camaro and meet other owners at shows. "I've made strong friends through the club and I maintain contact with a lot of them via email and through the shows," he says. "I still see Dale. He lives in Mt Albert now, and he has a collection of 7 different Camaros, and when I go over to see him there's usually some Camaro owners dropping by. I want to maintain my car in its present condition, and continue to drive it. There's not much that needs to be done to it other than some TLC maintenance here and there."

Trends come and trends go. A recent trend among North American car manufacturers is bringing back old models and/or giving them a retro look. The Ford Mustang is an example, and also the Thunderbird. The Camaro and Firebird ceased to be in 2002, but now there are plans to bring back the Camaro line. "I would love to buy a new 2009 Camaro when they go into production," states Doug. "Through our club we have very good contact with Scott Settlemire, who's is a high-up executive in G.M. and who's very involved in the new Camaro project. Through him I've seen the concept model of the 2009 version, and it's very beautiful," he says longingly. "It's very slightly retro to the '69 Camaros, and Camaro lovers can pick out the subtle retro stylings. It will be available to the public in the first quarter in 2009, and every one of them will be totally built in Oshawa. One of the Oshawa buildings earmarked for closure will remain open specifically for manufacturing Camaros, and whatever additional rear-wheel drive vehicles G.M. decides to build-possibly the Impala and the Monte Carlo," Doug reveals.

"I would like to see more interest in the Camaro in the county," says Doug Bates. "I know there's other nice Camaros up here. Anybody who's interested could contact me, or they can go to the club website where they can get club information and on-line membership forms. Membership is $20 for the year, and with that you get 4 newsletters, discounts on clothing and registration to our shows."

Doug slowly eases his '89 Camaro back into its resting place, where it remains a covered treasure. It's bought out in clement weather to relive those wonderful days when things were simpler, men loved their V8's and American muscle cars ruled the roads.

You can contact Doug Bates at camarolvr@halhinet.on.ca The OCC website is www.ontariocamaroclub.com

Pictured is Doug Bates and his Camaro Doug's '89 Camaro RS

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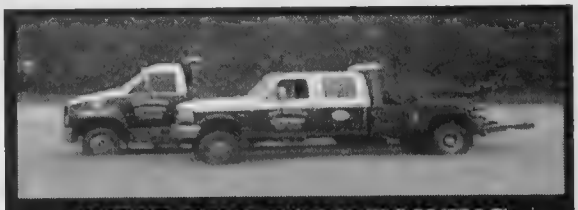
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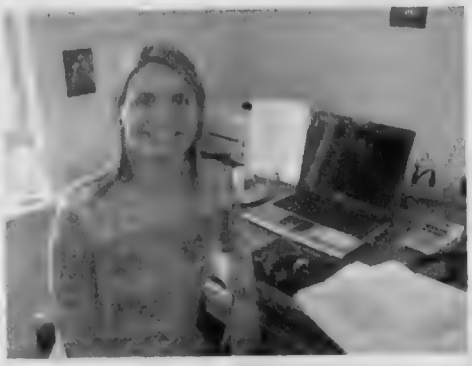
Trails and Tours: Organization Heads In New Direction



Since its incorporation in 1999 Trails and Tours (T&T), a not-for-profit organization, has concentrated on the trails portion of their name. For the last 3 years particularly, they have received Provincial grants for the improvement of trails throughout the county, the development of new trails, as well as for trail maps, kiosks and trail-head signage. They also have been under contract to manage and develop trails for the township of Algonquin Highlands. These trails include the Circuit of Five Viewpoints, the Crests of Kennisis, the Logchute Heritage Trail, and the upgrading and improving of the James Cooper Lookout Trail.

"Previously we've been very trail focused," says T&T President Kate Hall. "We've created a base of hiking and walking trails. What we need to do now is market and promote, and create experiences around them." For example "guided hikes with a biologist, or geologist like Mark and Sandra Braham of Greenmantle Farm. These guided affairs might include lunch at a local restaurant, or there might be a visit to an art gallery. It might include an evening theatre performance. It might be a package, but it's built around outdoor experiences," Kate enthuses.

A New Direction

The new direction can be seen as developing the tours side of Trails and Tours through The Haliburton Outdoor Experience Program (HOEP). The idea of this program is for T&T to partner with organizations in the private sector; ie Greenmantle Farms, and Yours Outdoors, and also with the public sector, such as the Haliburton County Economic Development Office. "Trails and Tours"has some funding for this through the HCDC Community Capacity Building Program," says Kate. The Trails and Tours role is to create the framework for HOEP. "We have the office, staff, website, trail information, and resources. We already exist as a hub for trail information. So smaller tourism operators could perhaps use some assistance in promotion and registration for the packages they have to offer. We can do that for them on a fee for service basis."

"We can do the same for trail groups who host events." Kate uses the example of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, Crystal Lake Ride. This is a group of enduro motor bikers. "We are partnering with them and taking on the registration for that event on a fee for service basis. We can also sell snowmobile and ATV trail permits, and camping permits for the Haliburton Highlands water trails in the Parker Lakes, which is an area west of Carnarvon. This whole initiative (HOEP) supports all those other areas," explains Kate.

A Revenue Generating Stream

If all this sound like a revenue generating stream, it is, and it's something new for Trails and Tours. "We want to develop trail tourism products," Kate continues. "We want to produce a self-guided tour CD. We're looking at MP3 files that people can download for a fee, from our web site. People could then burn their own CDs. We'll also probably initially produce CD's for people who want to come and pick them up."

T&T also has plans to take the successful Hike Haliburton Festival to a new level. "This year marks our 5th annual festival," Kate says, "and our start-up funding is at an end." There is now a need to make Hike Haliburton self sustaining. "We need to make it revenue generating. We're implementing a registration fee for various hikes

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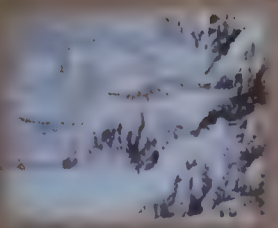
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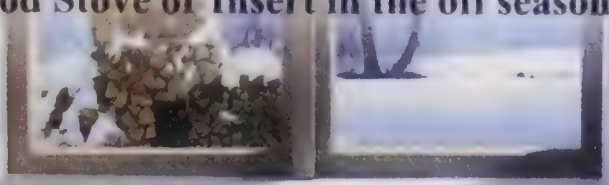

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and other events like the Blast Off Barbecue, and Blister Ball, all things that were free in the past." People will be able to register online for the Hike Haliburton Festival hikes and events. "We'll be having significant upgrades on our web site in the next month or so," says Kate positively.

Trails and Tours Staff

Kate Hall, in summing up all the changes and potential changes to T&T, was not remiss in naming new staff members. Samantha Davies is the new Administration Co-ordinator. She's involved in setting up registration for Hike Haliburton and she's the contact person for trail information through the office. Tegan Moratz is a youth intern also working at the office. She's an Eco and Adventure Tourism Management graduate from Fleming College. Trails and Tours will also be hiring a summer student, and will shortly be hiring a person for a nine-month contract, to get the Haliburton Outdoor Experience Program up and running.

"In keeping with our new direction we are restructuring our board of directors, and at the present time we are looking for new board members," concludes Kate. Anyone who is interested in a position on the board should call the office at (705) 489-4049. Trails and Tours is located on highway 35 in Carnarvon, beside the Castle lumber store, just north of the lights at highway 118. For more information on tours, trails and events, access the website www.trailsandtours.com

Dumb Criminals

Dumb Criminals

PASSION RENEWED: James Anderson, 53, initially got away with bank robbery. More than two years ago, he made off with $25,000 in cash, and police in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., had no leads, no suspects. But, he says, he has felt guilty and scared since, so he turned himself in. What motivated him to do that now? "He said, 'I saw "The Passion" and that made my decision'," said a Palm Beach County Sheriff's spokesman.

"And he sort of urged [the detective] to see the movie too." But an investigator says there's more to it than that: Anderson has cancer and has no money. "He's looking for medical attention he doesn't have to pay for," says Palm Beach Gardens police Sgt. Richard Geist

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2007 Journey For Health

by Lynne Kilby

Come rain or shine, Sunday, August 12 marks the 9th annual "Journey for Health" walk/cycle event to raise funds for the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation. Participants are invited to join in the fun and support a healthier community. Registration at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park is at 9:00 a.m. The event usually attracts about 100 participants who enjoy either walking or cycling along the scenic Victoria Rail Trail. The walking course is approximately 5 miles in length. Cyclists ride to Burnt River and back. Walkers can also hop on a tractor pulled trolley if need be. Along the way there are portable toilets supplied by Kinmount Lions Club as well as water and pop supplied by Shop 'n' Save and Gateway Variety. Orange slices are supplied by Kinmount Independent Grocer. Ample parking is available at the Kinmount Train Station.

At 12:00 noon, participants will be treated to pizza and refreshments provided by the medical centre staff and Kawartha Dairy, with a draw for prizes beginning at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to anyone collecting over $100 in pledges. Chairperson Vic Ballik advises last year's fundraising goal of $10,000 was surpassed. A major part of the past years' success is due to the generosity of businesses from Minden to Lindsay. Owner Khosrow Eshkour, of Kinmount Pharmacy has once again offered to match the participant with the most pledges up to a maximum of $1,500. Funds raised are used to buy medical equipment to help the doctors provide better local services and to provide building upgrades. One of the purchases made with last year's funds was a high power generator which has proven to be invaluable during power outages.

Back in 1999 Kinmount was one of the many rural communities in Canada without health care. Struggling against the odds in their quest for healthcare, Kinmount's extremely active health committee was miraculously victorious in enticing Dr. Elena Mihu to open her family practice in Kinmount, resulting in a new vitality to the community. Services have grown to include 2 general practitioners, a physiotherapist, the Alzheimer's and Arthritis Societies. A resulting spin off in 2006 was the opening of Kinmount Pharmacy.

How can you help reach this year's Journey for Health goal of $10,000? If you can walk or cycle, you can obtain a pledge form from Vic Ballik (705)488-3053 or Joyce Brown (705) 488-2687 or (705) 447-2651 and join Dr. Mihu and Dr. Kaszas, their staff and the foundation members in the Journey for Health, 2007. If you are unable to participate you can make a donation to the Kinmount District Health Service Foundation, P.O. Box 225, Kinmount, On K0M 2A0, Telephone: (705) 488-1105, Fax: (705) 488-1119. You can make a difference by helping to improve the availability and quality of health care in your community!

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A member of your family has been diagnosed with cancer. A friend's spouse has died in an accident. A fellow parishioner confides to you that her cancer treatments are no longer working. A patient in the care facility where you work has fallen into a coma and is not expected to recover. A neighbor has Alzheimer's Disease.

Perhaps you have been in situations like these and wondered, "How can I help?" It is not at all unusual to feel uncertain about what to do, or what to say, to someone who is facing or grieving the loss of a loved one, or who is living with a life-threatening illness him or herself.

SIRCH Community Services & Consulting is offering a 5-part course in palliative support called "How Can I Help?

This course is open to anyone who works or volunteers in palliative situations, or who is just interested in learning more about how to support someone who is facing a life-threatening illness or who is grieving. You will finish with a greater understanding of how to be helpful in these difficult life situations.

The course dates are September 19, 24, 26 and October 1, 3, 2007. Each 3 hour session starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the course is $75. Preference will be given to those who commit to becoming a Hospice volunteer (Hospice Volunteer Training will take place later this fall).

SIRCH Community Hospice supports residents in Haliburton County who are living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, or who have Alzheimer's Disease; SIRCH also supports the family members or close friends who care for them. For details in becoming a Hospice Volunteer, call Marilyn Rydberg at 457-1742 ext 42 or email to info@sirch.on.ca.

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Scientifically Speaking

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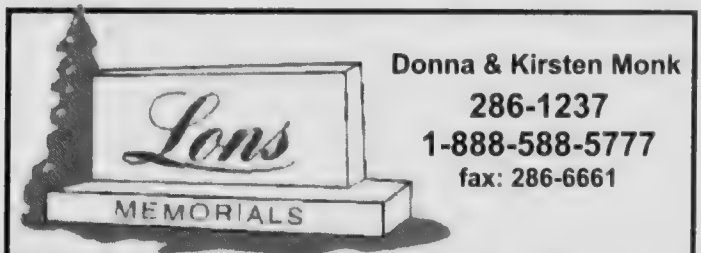

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Meet Donna MacDonald - Executive Director of Community Care Haliburton County

By George Farrell

Nobody can accurately predict the future, and even for those with the means and foresight to arrange for independent living in their later years, there are often surprises. A disability or illness can waylay the best laid plans.

My own parents, now in their eighties, recently moved from their much loved Gelert home on the Drag River, to a smaller, more manageable place in Minden. It was a heart wrenching experience for all of us, but in addition to knowing that Mom and Dad are nearer to health care facilities and all the amenities of Minden, it is also satisfying to know that should they need them, there are additional essential services a phone call away.

Stan and Jean, my Mom and Dad are in remarkable fine fettle. Such is not always the case with seniors, many of whom are disabled, and may not have family support close at hand. But even for seniors or adults with an illness or disability who do have family support, constant care can weigh heavily on their support system. That's why an organization such as Community Care is so important to our communities.

Community Care Haliburton County

Community Care Haliburton County's Mission Statements are to 'enable seniors and adults with disabilities and/or illnesses and their caregivers to remain independent at their place of residence for a longer period.' And to 'co-operate with others in the County to create an awareness of client needs and enhance the quality of their life.'

Some of the services Community Care provides are: Transportation, Home Help and Maintenance, Friendly Visiting, Security or Reassurance, Social Recreation, Emergency Response System, In Home Respite, Meals on Wheels, and Wheels to Meals.

Such an organization like Community Care cannot exist without the partial funding assistance of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the great assistance of the community volunteers, and an effective organizational structure that oversees daily operations and other essential elements like fundraising.

In our community we have the benefit of a Community Care that has seen one woman as Executive Director for 22 years. Such a long-standing position has insured that our communities benefit form a constant methodology, and an understanding of the needs of the community based on years of experience. We are fortunate indeed to have such a dedicated person as Donna MacDonald at the helm of Community Care Haliburton County.

Donna, who was born in Bancroft, grew up in Harcourt where she went to school with local hockey legend Ron Stackhouse in West Guilford. She attended the local Haliburton high school, and upon graduation went to Peterborough to Teachers College. She subsequently taught lower grades in public schools in such places as Brighton, Windsor, and Fort Erie. In 1971 Donna moved to Gooderham, where she taught grades 1 and 2. She also was a supply teacher in Dorset. In 1974 Donna moved back to the village of Haliburton, where she worked for Dawson Insurance. From 1977 to '82 she worked at Carnarvon Lumber, and in 1984 she was hired as the Co-ordinator/ Executive Director of Haliburton County Home Support Services, which at the time was a two- person operation. In 2005 that organization changed its name to Community Care Haliburton County (CCHC). Donna lives with her husband Gary MacDonald a retired farmer and former Director of Public Works for Dysart et Al. They have a grown daughter Tina, who lives in Unionville, and who four years ago, presented Gary and Donna with twin grandsons.

Donna MacDonald sits on several committees, both locally and provincially, on a volunteer basis, and all the organizations she has helped form, or assists on an ongoing basis, are concerned with the welfare and well-being of people.

The Early Days

'Early on it was just myself and Karen Loney, who now works at the Community Care Access Centre on Highway 118," says Donna. "Then, as now it was a multi-service agency, and many of the services we offered now we offered then too. The geographic's are the same; Haliburton County and surrounding areas including greater Dorset and Kinmount. We had a very small budget of $35 thousand. All the extra money we needed came for grants and donations." As with any new agency, much of Donna's time in the early years was spent writing proposals to government agencies in search of funding. So what has

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changed over the years? Well, a lot of things actually.

"The number of clients is the big thing," Donna exclaims, "and the number of volunteers has risen also to reflect the growth. In the beginning the board of directors, which numbered in the 30's, represented the whole county geographically, and they were seen as the eyes and ears of the county. Now the board is more of a policy making board, and not so much concerned with the front line volunteer work. Now a number of our staff does a lot of that work. We have 6 full time staff, and 1 part time person. We have coordinators who work with the volunteers and clients in the front line services," Donna explains. "We deliver services more efficiently for sure. It's been a growth process. We belong to the Ontario Community Support Association, which is a body of support agencies, and they set a standard, which in most cases we exceed." Donna goes on to talk about some services that are new, and some that are big improvements over what was formerly in place.

Some Newer and Improved Services

She begins with the *Emergency Response System* (ERS), which 'allows seniors and physically disabled adults the independence to remain in their homes for a longer period. The ERS also offers families peace of mind, knowing that their loved ones have emergency help at the push of a button. The button is on a bracelet, and is part of a "small piece of equipment that plugs into the hydro and telephone systems. In case of an emergency, the person presses a button and in addition of emitting a high-pitched noise, a signal goes through to Halcom Communications, which is our monitoring agency," Donna explains. "They would get a call back on the telephone right away to see if the person is OK. If there's no answer Halcom calls pre -designated responders, like a family member, friend or neighbor. Then the option is to send an ambulance or a First Response team (firefighters)." Donna herself is responsible for this initiative being bought into the county in 1989. "There are approximately 129 ERS units out there," she says. "They are leased out. Every unit costs $350 and we fundraise to help cover costs of the units."

You might recall the recent news story of a Minden woman who was wearing an ERS bracelet which comes with the unit, scaring off an intruder in her house. A combination of the noise and the returning phone call response scared off the intruder. "I'm very proud of that," beams Donna. It's saved some lives recently, and in the past. Some doctors wont let some of their patients go home without one of the bracelets."

Although *Meals on Wheels* was there in the early days of Home Sport Services, a lot has changed. "We used to work with local restaurants," Donna remembers. "Clients didn't really have much choice as to menu, and times of delivery. Now people can choose from our great menu. We get all our meals from private agencies, and there are entrees, soups and desserts. These are frozen meals which we keep in our own walk in freezer, and people can now choose what they want to eat and when they choose to eat it. Deliveries are every Thursday throughout the county, and people can also come in and pick up their orders if they want. The response to the meals has been wonderful, and we delivered 8,298 meals in 2006," she says.

There's a great variety on the menu, with beef, poultry, pork and fish dishes, as well as Chinese, cheese, pasta and some vegetarian fare. All the food is federally inspected for safety, and nutritionally the dishes are designed with seniors in mind. Main dishes are $4.00, soups $1.50, and desserts $1.25. Service costs are kept as low as possible in order for people to live in their homes as long as possible.

Donna tells me that "Lilly Anne, part of the 4C's, and the Minden Food bank have chosen us to partner with them to provide low income clients with our frozen meals. We're really excited by this because if you can keep people healthy it means less drain on the more expensive option of accessing the health system."

Transportation will always be a big issue for a county as large as ours. "*Transportation* is a service that has grown tremendously," says Donna MacDonald. Now our volunteers (drivers) go to Toronto Oshawa, Kingston, Peterborough and Lindsay. Presently we are transporting 5 dialysis patients to Peterborough and Lindsay," she says, giving an example. "Clients pay 22 cents a kilometer, and we subsidize that with 18 cents on medical trips."

Donna says that "the big buzz is being part of networks and partnerships in the County." She lists of some of the organizations Community Care Haliburton Highlands is affiliated with, including Community Care Access Centre, The 4C's, local businesses Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the Family Health Team.

"I initiated the Haliburton County Service Providers, a group of agencies that provides a wide range of services across the board," says Donna. "We meet to educate, collaborate and to partner. The bottom line for myself and my staff, and our volunteers is that the client is the priority. We try our hardest to give them the best quality of life that we can."

It's so resuming to know that a woman like Donna MacDonald, and Community Care Haliburton County are there for us when we might need them. For more information about Community Care Haliburton County telephone (705) 457-2941. Fax (705) 457-5077. Email info@communitycarehaliburton.com. The web site is www.communitycarehaliburton.com Oh, and don't forget Country Music Hoe Down and Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday August 11th at the Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

Pictured: Donna MacDonald at work & Donna shows one of the frozen Meals on Wheels entrees in the freezer.

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(2) "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when $5,000 will only buy a used one."
(3) "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
(4) "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
(5) "If they raise the minimum wage to $1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
(6) "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage,"
(7) "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls,"
(8) "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either 'hell' or 'damn' in it."
(9) "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
(10) "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for $75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday that they will be making more than the President."
(11) "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now"
(12) "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
(13) "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
(14) "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
(15) "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress."
(16) "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
(17) "I guess taking a vacation is out of the question now days. It costs nearly $15.00 a night to stay in a hotel."
(18) "No one can afford to be sick any more, $35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

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Red Cross Outpost Features G LeRoy Miller

If you're looking for something different to do in Wilberforce area between August 10-16th, then stop into the Red Cross Outpost in downtown Wilberforce where you can view the work of G. LeRoy Miller – an artist, nurse and writer. For more info on the exhibit call Hilda Clarke at 448-2018.

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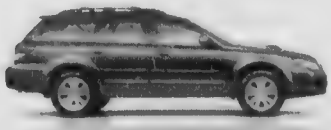

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That's because they've always believed that the legacies of wholesome fun, pioneer traditions, and family values were worth preserving. And they've always felt that there's no better showcase for all these things than a good old-fashioned country fair.

Since the inception, the fair has grown; you might even say it's come of age. The mission is to provide a place where families can laugh and learn; where neighbours can meet and greet; where strangers can make new friends.

It's not fancy or high-priced – youth under 16 still get in for free – but it's definitely worthwhile all the same. Where else can you get a leisurely ride on a wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen or watch children smile as they operate a rope-making machine? They can visit the petting zoo, get their face painted, enjoy a free hot dog and drink, enter a colouring contest or teddy bear parade, and run to their heart's content in an environment tailor made for youngsters.

The fair passport encourages them to learn and have fun and, if they have entered crafts, baking, or artwork, into the judged competitions, they also have the opportunity to win monetary prizes that just might help them buy that ice cream or corn on the cob. There's the new-improved dog show for kids only, goat milking demonstrations – no kidding – and the excitement of the Pony Pull on Friday night, August 10th, where men and horses demonstrate the raw power and know-how that cleared this land.

The legacy continues Saturday, August 11th with the "Name that Tool" display where visitors have an opportunity to show off their knowledge of our pioneer past. Add to that restored antique farm machinery, great food hot off the grill, horse draw and silent auctions and you'll start to remember the county fairs of your youth.

This fair is a true community event and a labour of love made possible by wonderful advertisers, sponsors, volunteers, and participants like. Complete details can be found at their web site, www.WilberforceFair.com. You'll also find an entry form on the web site if you want to join in the challenge of competition in baking, sewing, crafts or garden produce. You can also call the fair secretary at 705-448-2034. So come on over and enjoy the biggest little fair around. After all, a legacy's no good unless there's someone to enjoy it.

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EARTHDANCE STUDIO

It's almost studio tour time again. The fifth annual East Haliburton Studio Tour kicks off the season on August 11 and 12. New to the tour this year is EARTHDANCE STUDIO. EARTHDANCE consists of two people; Shawn Arscott who specializes in acrylic paintings, wood carvings, soap stone sculpture and paper mache, and Darlene Buckingham who works in oils and acrylics, and specializes in colour therapy. The tour guide describes the artists thusly: *Darlene paints brightly coloured canvasses capturing the mystery and magic of Mother Earth, who teaches us through intricate forms and brilliant colours. Be inspired by the beauty of our world.* For Shawn the guide says: *Rhythmic lines found with the spirit of wood and stone are used to create sculptures of natural beauty. Shawn's paintings evoke memories of rejuvenating times spent in nature.*

Of course the tour guide cannot possibly give detailed accounts of studios and artists, so here's some more information about Shawn, Darlene and EARTHDANCE STUDIO. Shawn is from Toronto, and he moved to the Highlands with Darlene as recently as September of 2006, "to do our art full time, and to commit to pursuing the dream of being an artist." Artists come in many guises and have varied backgrounds. Surprisingly perhaps, Shawn drove car-carrier transports for 20 years, and he also worked as a part time crew member on feature films, as well as being an extra in features and films for TV. It hasn't taken him long to get into the spirit of his new community, as presently he is a stage manager for the Loop Troup theatre group which has just finished *Mother Variations*. Shawn and Darlene also recently successfully participated in the Highland Media Arts' 48 Challenge, where people had to shoot and edit their own videos in 48 days.

Darlene is a former civil servant who worked at the Human Rights Commission in Toronto. With cut-backs she was let go, and she subsequently enrolled in Sheridan College, where she received her certificate in art fundamentals. She also attended York University where she was enrolled in Fine Arts.

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Earthdance Studio Cont'd...

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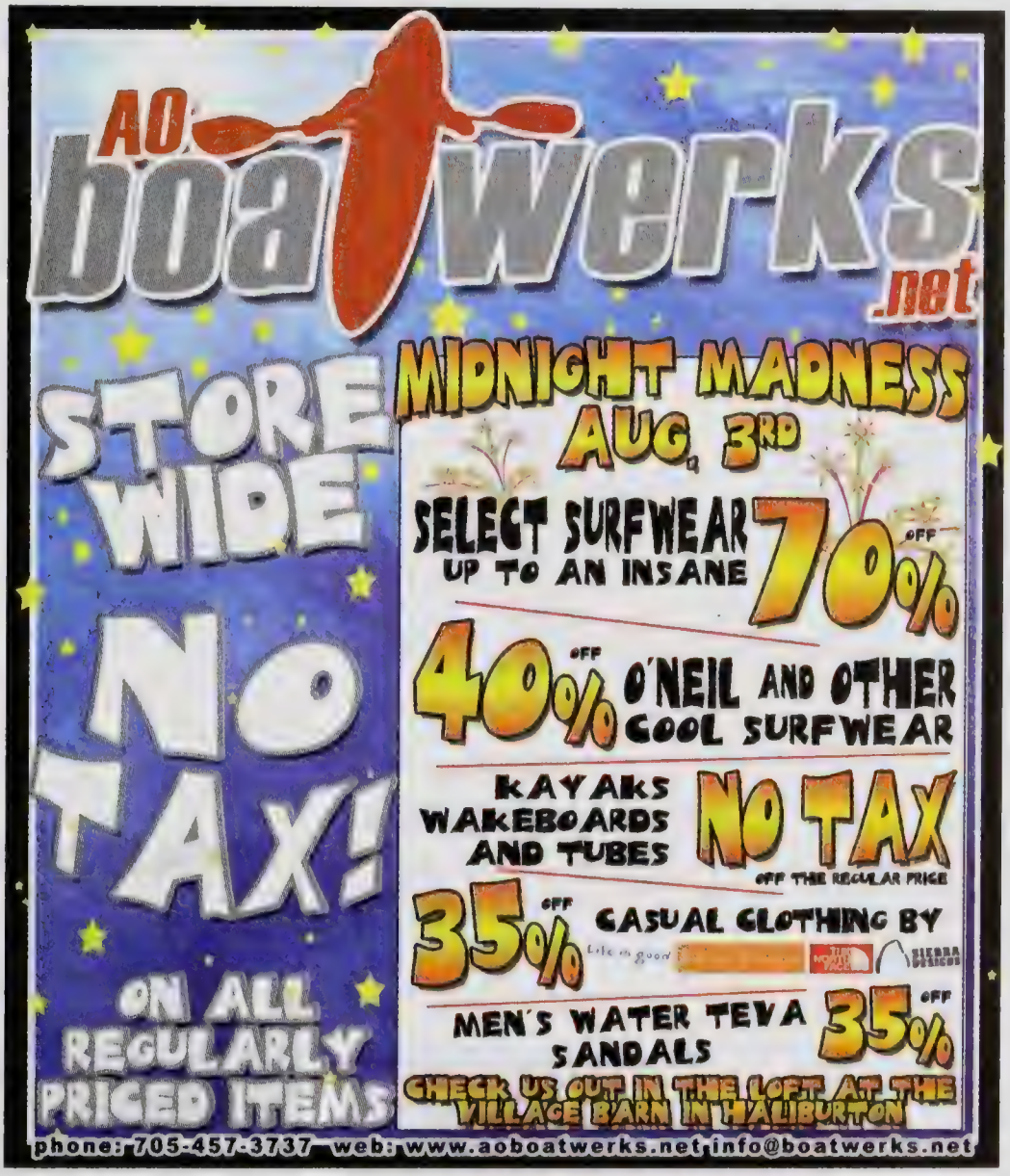
Darlene has studied Jungian psychology, which opened the door to her spiritual awakening. Darlene met Shawn in 2001 when they were both studying Shamanism in Toronto at the Institute for Contemporary Shamanic Studies.

They were both delighted when moving to the Highlands, to find a Shamanic connection at Coyote Springs in Stanhope. For Shawn and Darlene spiritualism is part of their "artistic journey," and to that end they are using their 45-acre lot of trails and rugged terrain, as a retreat. Collectively they write: *"It is our intention to provide a retreat that inspires creativity through art, colour, nature, and spirituality. Some of the tools we use are Shamanistic concepts that teach that everything is energy and that all life on earth is a teacher. Another tool we use is drawing a Mandala which is a reflection of your soul. The combination of Art, Nature and Spirituality inspires creativity and opens the door to infinite possibilities and a different way of viewing the world. Colour and nature are powerful healing energies and provide the materials for soul-spinning artistic images. It has always been our dream to have an art gallery in a beautiful place in nature, and to provide a space that is creative and inspirational."*

The retreat will be a weekends-only, substance-free experience for campers, where they can experience "art in nature." Some meals will be provided by Shawn and Darlene that are "healthy, and fresh, with herbs provided from our herb garden, and using locally grown produce when available."

The studio itself is a newly constructed building, close to the house. It's bright, airy and resplendent with the works of both artists. Particularly appealing to this eye, in addition to the faux leopard-skin furniture, are the strongly coloured, graphically floral renderings by Darlene, and the lovingly carved works in wood by Shawn; as well as his humorous, theatrical masks of paper mache. The EARTHDANCE STUDIO is a great addition to the Highlands East Studio Tour, and Shawn and Darlene are welcome complements to both the spiritual and artistic communities.

The EARTHDANCE STUDIO is located at 1180 Saunders Road, Tory Hill, ON, K0L 2Y0, or N44°59.778' - W078°12.961'. You can reach Shawn and Darlene at (705) 448-9808, or email: earthdance@teksavvy.com



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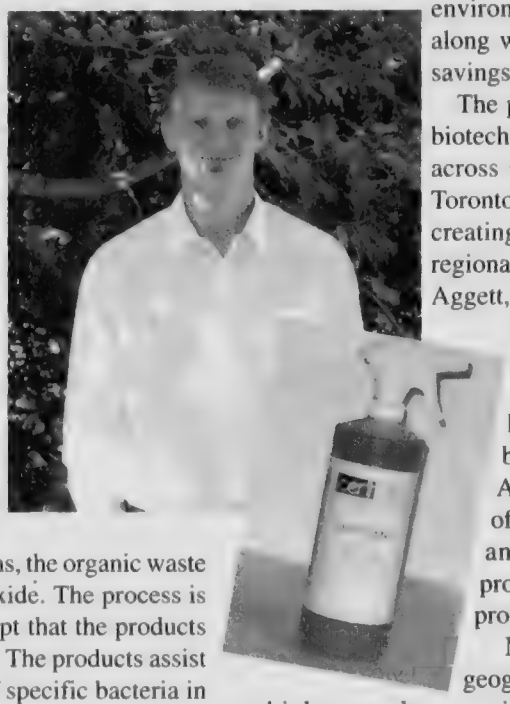
This week we are introducing CERT (Canadian Environmental Research & Technology LTD.) as our newest business venture in the area. As we all know environmental concerns have become more and more predominant in today's society and CERT could not have come to our area at a better time.

CERT offers Biological Solutions to serve the environment specifically, in the field of biological waste water management. CERT offers environmentally friendly products to deal with grease traps, vents, drain lines and septic tanks. The alternative treatment is abrasive chemicals, which are not only non-biodegradable but also cause the deterioration of the metal pipelines and tanks that the chemical is cleaning. The other option is physical extraction, which creates concerns as to the manner of disposal of the extracted matter and there is always the possibility of spills and foul odours that might occur in the extraction process.



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The products are on the cutting edge of this biotechnology and have proven successful all across Ontario. The head office is located in Toronto where the biochemist who worked on creating the products resides. In our area the regional representative is local resident, Lance Aggett, newly graduated from Trent University with a Bachelors of Business Administration, honours degree. For now, Mr. Aggett will be working from his home in Minden and is very excited to bring, 'cleaner' products into the area. Mr. Aggett could have worked out of the head office in Toronto but enjoys the outdoors and nature that the surrounding area provides and hopes that the use of CERT products can help in keeping it this way.

Mr. Aggett is representing a large geographic area and already has some clients, which he services, as far away as Toronto. He is fully committed to the highest standards of quality in the goods and services that he provides. The products have application potential in restaurants, hotels, hospitals, retirement homes, camps, bed and breakfasts, cottages and community centers. Basically, anything commercial or residential could benefit from looking into more environmentally friendly products. Mr. Aggett can be contacted through his email: laggett@certcanada.com or by phone at (705) 935-1313 if you are interested in learning more about the products and their benefits. In the meantime, do not be surprised if you get a call from Mr. Aggett, encouraging you to be more environmentally friendly.

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A Fun Thing To Do!!

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council in partnership with Out to Learn is presenting the 2007 Discovery Days program. Everyone is invited to participate in these fun and informative sessions which focus on exploring the ecosystems and natural wonders of Haliburton County.

Flying Wonders

Our fourth of five discovery days will be held on August 1st, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at 1126 Warder Rd., in Lochlin, where the theme will be Flying Wonders. Flying insects come in many shapes, sizes and colors! Some we admire as they sit on the end of the dock and some we desperately swat at while we sit on the dock... but very few do we actually know. Join Colin Jones, a Biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, as he introduces us to the vast diversity of these insects and to some basic insect ecology. Becoming familiar with some collection techniques, you will take your newly found skills and explore open fields and wetlands to see what flying wonders inhabit this beautiful area. Space is limited to 30 people so to register for this day please contact: Minden Government Information Centre at 705-286-1521. The cost is Adults: $15.00 Children: $8.00 and $30.00 for families of four.

Insect repellent, long pants and sturdy footwear are recommended, and the day will run approximately 3-4 hours in length.

Geocaching

The fifth discovery day will be held on August 8th, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Wilberforce Community Centre where the theme will be Geocaching: A GPS Treasure Hunt. "Geocaching" is an outdoor treasure hunt and is becoming popular around the world including Wilberforce, the Geocaching capital of Canada. Learn the basics of GPS (Global Positioning System) beginning with map and compass foundations. Every participant will have a GPS unit in their hand and will learn the basics of saving and retrieving waypoints as well as other GPS functions. The cumulating experience will be participating in a fun GPS treasure hunt. This program is for anyone who wants to have a modern day adventure while exploring their natural world. GPS units will be provided and no experience is necessary. Space is limited to 30 people so to register for this day please contact: Minden Government Information Centre at 705-286-1521. The cost is Adults: $15.00 Children: $8.00 and $30.00 for families of four.

For more information on upcoming Discovery Days or to register please contact the Minden Government Information Centre at 705-286-1521 or visit the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council Website at www.ontariostewardship.org/haliburton

Serenading The Bears

Those outrageous, outspoken, outstanding women of the Outloud Womyn's Voices will be performing in concert at the Scotch Line Landfill Site on Sunday, August 12, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. (Rain date: August 19).

To kick off this FREE Community Event, Albert Saxby and Josh Grant will perform their rousing original "Goin' to the Dump".

In an effort to raise public awareness of growing landfill concerns, the performers are inviting all Haliburton Highlands' permanent residents, cottagers and visitors alike to join them in song at the dump.

Featuring a selection of music inspired by the Earth Charter, this performance demonstrates the choir's commitment to heightening universal respect for the Earth and our local environment, and encouraging adherence to the principles of the three R's - REDUCE, RE-USE, AND RECYCLE.

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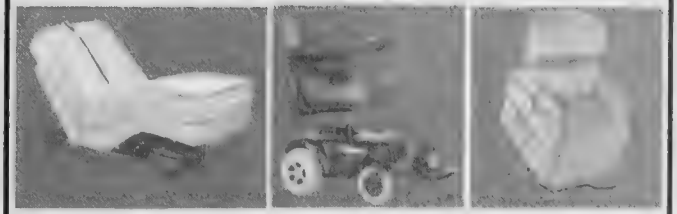
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Do you think I'm sexy?
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How else?
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I've heard this before!
99% of India's truck drivers can't read road signs.

Art Auction Fever Set to Sweep Fleming College

Make sure you are free on Thursday, August 9 for the Annual Haliburton School of the Arts Faculty Art Auction. The auction will again be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. Admission is free!

The Item Preview begins at 5 pm with the Live Auction taking place at 7 pm. A number of Silent Auction items will also be available for your bidding pleasure.

There will be many gorgeous items all created and donated by Artists that are or have been members of the faculty at the Haliburton School of the Arts. Guests will find works by: Barbara Joy Peel, John Leonard, Sandy Cline, Paulus Tjiang, and Jill Segal...just to name a few.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early in order to have enough time to browse through the items and to find a seat at the auction. As in previous years, the organizers anticipate it will be "standing room only".

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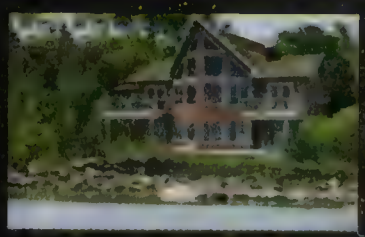

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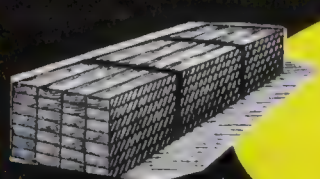

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Norah's Island Will Be Left "Forever Wild"

Photos by Elaine Farrell

Cold and wet weather that felt more like October wasn't enough to thwart a July 14 celebration of Bruce Carruthers' donation of a Kennisis Lake island to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

Organizers actually were contemplating moving the Saturday afternoon celebration indoors until they noticed almost a hundred people at the Kennisis Lake Marina waiting for a boat ride over to the island and the celebration.

The 22-acre island is to be known as Norah's Island for Carruthers' late wife. Carruthers donated the property to the Land Trust to honour her memory.

Title to the island was transferred to the Land Trust in March. The Trust assumed responsibility to keep it forever wild.

The pretext for the July 14 celebration was the signing of a management agreement between the Trust and the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association.

The KLCOA, which is well on its way to raising the $50,000 endowment fund needed to manage the island in perpetuity, and the Trust will have three representatives each on a joint committee that will manage and protect it.

At the Saturday afternoon event, members of the Trust, KLCOA and the Carruthers family took part in a ribbon-tying ceremony that symbolized their partnership. Trust chair Ian Daniel, KLCOA president Duncan McCallum and Carruthers took part in the signing of the management agreement.

Serendipity has kept the island in its natural state. With a thousand feet of water between it and the Kennisis shore, it was protected from loggers and invasive plant species and the Carruthers' left it as it was for the 32 years they owned it.

"Thank you, God, for creating such a beautiful place and letting us enjoy it," told Trust members and environmentalists who joined cottagers for the ceremony.

Most of the KLCOA's legwork was done by its lands committee, chaired by Jeff Pinkney. More than 120 families, individuals and businesses contributed to the endowment fund.

Bruce Carruthers, who donated Norah's Island to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, with Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association chair Jeff Pinkney.

Celebrants gather behind the ribbon that was joined to celebrate the partnership

Celebrants on Norah's Island welcome the boats arriving to take them back to the mainland

Carruthers family members together for the July 14 celebration on Norah's Island. From left, son David and his wife Gail, granddaughter Meg and her fiance, Mike ???, and Bruce. In front are Meg's daughters, Katie, 4, and Zoe, 3.

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A New Regular Column by Lynne Kilby

I am delighted to welcome you to the 1st column of "It's happening in Kinmount!!!" Here you will discover just what a great spot Kinmount is to live and play. Watch for this column in every issue to keep informed about local news and the many exciting upcoming events to experience. Believe it or not there's a lot to see and do in Kinmount! Please call me at 705-488-2919 or E-mail me at: lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca, if you have news to share or an event you want covered.

Success...

Despite the rescheduling of Moonlight Mania, the Kinmount & Area Business Association is thrilled to report the event was a tremendous success with crowds of people enjoying live music, family fun, great food and shopping. The 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies & Guides was overwhelmed with the positive response from the public to sign their "We Support Our Troops" banner.

Kinmount Seniors Yard Sale

Aug 4th - The Kinmount Seniors Yard Sale at the Railroad Station begins at 9:30 a.m. Browse the artists at the station, view the historical model railroad display, shop the Kinmount Farmer's Market, enjoy a BBQ lunch and take a stroll to the Open House at close by Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. If you have ordered Maple Lodge Farms chicken products from the 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies & Guides remember to pick up your order between 10:00 a.m. and noon at the railroad station.

Yuk Yuks Comes to Kinmount

Aug. 10th – Laughter will rock Kinmount Community Centre with a performance by Yuk Yuks Comedy Club. Doors open 7:00 p.m. Show starts 8:00 p.m. Tickets cost $15.00 per person. This age of majority event licensed under LLBO is hosted by the Kinmount Community Centre Board of Management. The evening promises to be one not to miss out on! Call 750-488-9954 for more information.

Journey for Heath

Aug. 12 – Join in on the fun with the annual "Journey for Health" event, a walk-a-thon & bike-a-thon at
9:00 a.m., at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Proceeds go to Kinmount District Health Services Foundation. You can make a difference! To obtain a pledge sheet please call 705-488-3053.

Railroad Club Yard Sale

Aug. 18 – Don't miss out on the Railroad Club Yard Sale. Call 705-488-2282 for more information.

Ongoing events through the month of August include:

Fun Bingo: Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, all ages welcome, admittance by donation, prizes. For information call 705-488-3462.

Kinmount Library Children's Program: Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Kids can enjoy story time, craft time, contests and more.

Music in the Park: Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a free summer concert series at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, sponsored by the Kinmount & District Lions Club. Remember to bring your lawn chair.

Weekly Bingo: Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Farmer's Market: Saturdays at the Railroad Station., 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Artists at the Station & Model Train Display: Featured every Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Railroad Station. For information call 705-488-1574

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CELEBRITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Talking with Paula Lishman

by George Farrell

Paula Lishman is a past winner of the Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award for her work in discovering ways to weave and knit with beaver fur, and for her part in the subsequent boost to the Canadian fur industry due to increased world sales of beaver, specifically to Japan. Paula's designs can be seen on the sophisticated runways of Toronto, Montreal, New York, Tokyo, Moscow, Milan, and recently, Beijing. Vogue and Pellicce Moda fashion magazines frequently showcase Paula Lishman International knit fur garments, selected from the stunning array of classic and contemporary, fashion-forward designs sought after by international customers. There are a number of retail outlets around the world which feature Paula's designs. The Communicator caught up with Paula recently at JanKnits Studio in Haliburton, where she was the guest of honour at the official opening of the local store, where her knitted fur fashion creations can be found.

How would you like to be remembered?

As the Canadian innovator of a new way to weave fur, the ultimate natural fabric.

Who would you cast as yourself in a movie based on your life?

Meryl Streep

What are the words that you live by every day?

I love it when people say "you made my day." It's great to see the lights go on in peoples eyes when they see our product. So "you made my day," I'd have to say, are great everyday words.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

People who don't pay their bills, because money is the great lubricant that keeps the wheels moving.

Your greatest fear?

The losing of a loved one. We went through a cancer thing with my son-but he's great now.

How do you unwind?

(laughs) Sitting in my hot tub.

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Talking with Paula Lishman

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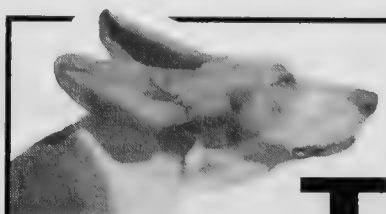
Who are some of your favorites' in the arts?
Fashion -wise Karl Lagerfeld and Afendi.
What's in your cd player right now?
My girlfriend Lyn McDonald a jazz singer who also teaches Jazz at York University.
Who in life has inspired you the most?
My husband. He's a dreamer who follows through, like with our underground house, and his concept for ultra-lights as first-on-the- scene rescue vehicles in disaster areas.(Note: Bill Lishman became known worldwide for his pioneer work in using ultra light flying craft with migratory geese, as seen in the movie Fly Away Home).

What's the worst job you ever had?
Mushroom picking. Its days of dark, damp, uncomfortable work. It's physically tough, and you have to wash your hands with bleach at the end of the day.
What was your biggest break professionally?
Meeting Japanese customers at the first International Fur Show I attended in Frankfurt in '78. They loved what I was doing.
What word or phrase do you use too much?
You know.
Your biggest extravagance?
I bought myself a V12 Jaguar once. Another would be to take a week off and do anything I wanted.
What's your idea of perfect happiness?
Knitting, and watching a movie. I love to use my hands. I make the prototypes for the design team to put in production.
Which living person do you most admire?
(After a long pause) Hmm, I think I'll skip that one.
Which living person do you dislike the most?
(No hesitation) Bush. His priorities are so askew-it's really sad.
What trait do you most dislike in yourself?
Maybe I'm too gullible
What's the last book you read?
I really don't read much. I'm always knitting. I read magazines sometimes like Time and McLeans, and some fashion magazines. I like to listen to CBC radio. I did read Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood, because I knew I was scheduled to meet her soon after.
What is the quality you most admire in a man?
Openness, someone with an inquiring mind.
What is the quality you most admire in a woman?
Honesty.
What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Helping to produce 3 well-balanced children.

Who is your favourite fictional hero?
Wonder Woman.
What talent would you like to have?
I'd like to learn more about natural medicine.
What is your most treasured possession?
My wedding ring. It's my thirty three and a third year anniversary ring, made by my best friend Lindsay Godfrey, a jeweler from B. C.
What's your biggest regret?
A tycoon once gave me a great deal of money to help me with my business. There was no hurry to pay him back, but we really paid him back too soon. I don't like owing people. If we'd taken the time to invest the money more wisely, like hiring a good PR company for instance, who knows where we'd be today.
If you were to be reincarnated, what would it be as?
(Laughs) Probably a beaver.

Pictured is Paula Lishman at Grand Opening of JanKnits Studio in Haliburton.
Pictured this page is the winner of the a knitted fur hat, Michelle St. Pierre of Gelert - with JanKnits Studio owner Janey Sheehey. The prize was won at JanKnits recent grand opening.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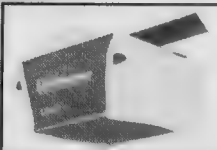
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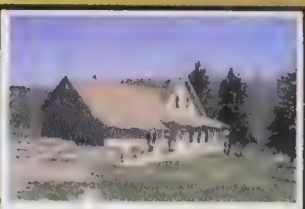

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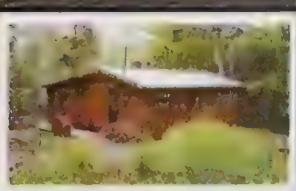

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Crazy *But True* Law Suits

A Million Dollar Gamble

A California man is suing the Las Vegas Hilton and Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino, claiming the casinos were negligent in allowing him to gamble away more than $1 million while he was intoxicated.

According to the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, executives of the Las Vegas Hilton and Mandalay Bay supposedly knew Stephen Roel was drunk as a skunk and yet extended him hundreds of thousands of dollars in credit anyway.

Roel claims in his suit that he had been a customer of the Hilton for more than 15 years in September 1999 when he made arrangements for a weekend at the casino.

Among other odds and ends, the lawsuit states the following:

In exchange for his gambling at the casino, Hilton executives agreed to pay for his roundtrip flight from San Diego, his lodging, food and beverages.

Roel, who was known to be a skilled and knowledgeable player, had a $50,000 credit line at the casino, which he rarely went over,

However, on the weekend of Sept. 29-30, Roel was drinking heavily and betting "irrationally and erratically" from the time he walked in the door with $117,000 and dumped it all on a blackjack table.

Despite the fact that executives should have known or knew Roel was drunk, they extended him a credit line of about $840,000, and finally (big surprise).

Hilton executives' behavior violated their own policy and the regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission.

According to the lawsuit, someone affliated with Mandalay Bay arranged for Roel to stay at that hotel-casino the same weekend. Once he was there, executives extended him a line of credit despite knowing he was drunk. That credit line was for more than $100,000, the lawsuit states.

Mandalay Bay executives continued to extend Roel credit after his wife and sister flew in and asked them not to accept his bets, extend his credit line or serve him drinks, the lawsuit states.

Roel, who entered a treatment center since that weekend, is seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, recovery of the money he bet that weekend and forgiveness of the debts. He also wants the Hilton and the Mandalay Bay to be precluded from seeking criminal prosecution and from reporting him to TRW.

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Lange on the Law

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Punitive Damages

One type of damages you may read about in the newspaper, especially about cases in the United States, is punitive damages. As the name suggests, punitive damages are designed to punish a wrongdoer. To meet the test in Canada, the conduct of the wrongdoer must not be ordinary conduct. The conduct must be so high-handed, malicious, vindictive, and oppressive as to offend the court and warrant the court's censure as being unacceptable to community standards.

One Ontario case of interest dealt with fraudulent transfers of property and mortgages by one of the defendants to his wife, friends, certain companies, and a family trust. The court found that the family trust was a complete sham because that defendant was really the owner indirectly of all of the assets of the trust. What really got the court upset, however, was how the defendants conducted their defence in the litigation. Here are some of the judge's comments: "In light of the conduct of the defendants throughout the proceedings to obfuscate, delay, be less than forthright in their evidence, their conduct warrants punitive damages . . . This was accomplished through lies, deceit, false affidavits, and fraudulent conduct involving municipal authorities. All of this behaviour, directly or indirectly, had a profound affect on the plaintiffs and the litigation." The plaintiffs had already been awarded $2 million in general damages. The court added another $200,000 in punitive damages.

In England, punitive damages are more narrowly applied than in Canada. They are limited to situations such as oppressive or arbitrary conduct of government officials or where the defendant's conduct results in profit that cannot be fully restored to the plaintiff by general damages.

The United States, of course, is notorious for awarding large punitive damages compared to Canada. One reason is that they have more jury trials. U.S. juries hear evidence relating to the harm not only suffered by the plaintiff but also to the harm suffered by third parties from the systemic wrongdoing of the defendant. Recent U.S. examples are the cases of corporate financial wrongdoing where juries are willing to "make an example" by awarding large punitive damages. I wonder what will happen to Lord Black.

In the next column, I will be talking about death and damages.

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Our Youth: This is another story is a series by Tyson Farrell about our youth in Haliburton County and the great things they accomplish.

Ben Young *The Swimming Musician*

By Tyson Farrell

Growing up in the Highlands, I've met many talented young people. Young painters, actors, dancers, and singers have amazed me many times with their skills. However, there is one Haliburton youth that has impressed me more than any other over the years, and this person is the talented Ben Young. In his teenage years Ben has excelled in two very difficult and different activities, becoming an exceptional musician as well as an exceptional swimming instructor.

When I first met Ben we were grade five students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. He had recently arrived in Canada from England, and his musical skills made quiet an impression on the students of our school. As a trombone player I sat with Ben in the bass section of the school band, where he played the bass clarinet. Since we played bass instruments we were positioned in the last rows of the band, far away from our teacher Mr. Carter. Although the Tubas, Baritones and I shared jokes and laughs with Ben everyday (all of which were whispers to prevent Mr. Carter from hearing us) we turned to Ben him for musical help just as often. Whenever we had a question about theory, pitch, or pretty much anything else, we would ask Ben, who always had an answer. Even then, as a young school boy, he displayed unparalleled devotion to his musical studies. He would practice the piano and the bass clarinet for hours at home and often during lunch at school.

As we grew older, Ben turned to the bass guitar, and I witnessed a new level of commitment. During high school it was not uncommon to meet Ben in the morning before class and see his fingers covered in blisters from hours of working the strings of his bass. In fact, Ben became so devoted to his music that he was rarely seen walking without his bas guitar slung across the back, and if I ever asked a friend if they knew where Ben was, the usual response was, "Have you checked the music room?"

Over the years Ben's musical devotion has served him well. Now those who are familiar with the local music scene are inherently familiar with the musical prowess of Ben. He has performed many times at the high school, with small bands at numerous pubs and resorts, and, as many likely remember, at last years "Dusk Dances." He has graced local stages as a jazz, funk, rock, and classical musician many times, and impressed many audiences.

After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School last year, Ben began studying jazz at York University. While at school Ben also took private lessons with master musicians such as Mike Murley and Jim Vivian, which only furthered his musical abilities. He also established himself as a musician of particular talent, winning York's prestigious Elmes Bedford Prize for Jazz Performance.

Now, after a year of hard study, and performing in clubs around Toronto, Ben has returned to his Carnarvon home for the summer. "It's great to be back," he laughs. "I love playing and studying

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music in Toronto. There are so many great players down there, and so much to learn. I considered spending the summer in the city, but then I started thinking about the lakes, rivers, and beaches of Haliburton County, and I easily made my decision."

Most of us like lakes, rivers, and beaches for the fun and relaxation they provide, but for Ben, they represent far more. As previously mentioned, Ben is not only a great musician. He's also great swimmer. "I am a fully qualified swimming instructor with both the Red Cross Society and National Lifesaving Society, and am properly registered with the Red Cross as an insured and authorized provider," he tells me. As I listen to him list the many swimming certificates he's earned, I am amazed. I can't help but wonder how he practiced music so often and still found time to become a qualified swimming instructor.

Ben's abilities as a lifeguard are exceptional, and I have witnessed them many times first hand. Every year a group of us go for a long canoe trip, and every year its inevitable that one of our canoes flips while going down rapids. If I'm in a canoe with Ben, and it happens to be our canoe that flounders in the white water, I'm glad it's Ben I'm with. Amid the roar of rapids and the crashing of white water, Ben usually manages to grab our camping supplies before they sink, catch the canoe before it disappears downriver, and when necessary, put an arm around me and swim me to the safely of shore. That, I suppose, it the advantage of having a life guard for a friend.

When Ben isn't busy canoeing and saving friends from the depths of Haliburton rivers, he keeps himself very active. "For the last three years I've been teaching private swimming lessons, and I'll be doing so again this summer. In fact, I've started to take booking for this season already," he tells me. As a teacher Ben gives swimming lessons at his Twelve Mile Lake home, though he is only too happy to drive to people's homes or cottages and give lessons there. "As a instructor I not only teach students how to swim, but also about water safety, the dangers of water environments, and everything else a person needs to be comfortable and safe in the water," he explains. "A lot of people who come to Haliburton County for the summer assume that swimming in a lake or river is the same as swimming in a pool. This is not true. There are lots of different things that a person needs to know. This is especially true for children."

Aside from teaching swimming, Ben is also available to work as a life guard at beach parties and water events around the county. The swimming musician's work does not stop there however, and he is also working as a bass player this summer. "In addition to swimming lessons I am also teaching music lessons, which I have for several years. I teach students of all ages bass guitar and music theory, and help to develop them as musical artists." I suppose the question is then, can he teach a student how to swim and play bass at the same time? "No," Ben laughs, "I'd have to object to that as both a musician and a swimming instructor. It would destroy the bass guitar, and would also be unsafe to the swimmer."

As if Ben is not doing enough already this summer, he will also be performing around the county. "I'm playing at local restaurants and resorts mostly, but I m always looking for a new gig to play. If you own an establishment, are having a party, a wedding, or whatever, I'm you're man for music," says Ben.

Performer, music teacher, swimming instructor: Ben is without a doubt a renaissance man, and a young man that Haliburton County should be proud of. If you'd like to inquire about one of Ben's services, or possibly all three, you can give him a call at 489-3200.

Pictured: Ben rocks out on his electric bass at last year's Dusk Dances & Ben surveys a lake for safety hazards before swimming.

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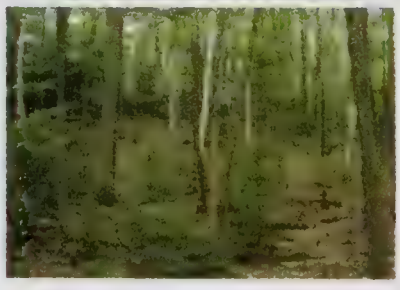

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Community Care Haliburton County is once again hosting an incredible fundraiser...the Country Music Hoe-Down. An evening of incredible country music, entertainment and humour all in the opry style fashion.

This event takes place on August 11, at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. Doors open at 6pm to give you a chance to socialize and bid on our vast selections of silent auction items. A delicious buffet will be served at 7:00pm

The event was sponsored and made possible by RBC Dominion Securities (Haliburton Branch). Beth Tuck from RBC recently presented a cheque to Community Care for $6,000 to be used toward the Country Music Hoe-Down. Beth became involved with Community Care over 2 years ago (and still is today) by volunteering her time for friendly visits, which is a service provided by Community Care.

"Beth has been a fantastic supporter from the beginning", says Roxanne Casey of Community Care. "She and RBC also sponsored our Medieval Feast last year."

The Country Music Hoe-Down event is totally sold out of tickets now. Roxanne wishes to thank all who purchased tickets, donated auction items and of course Beth and RBC for sponsoring the event. "We still need items for the auction", says Roxanne. A good part of the fundraising at the event will come from the silent auctions so if you would like to sponsor an item please call Roxanne at 457-2941.

Community Care offers quite a few events each year and all tend to be total sell-outs since they are all fantastic events. So, next time you see adverts for a Community Care fundraising event, be sure to purchase your tickets early so you're not disappointed.

For those with tickets, you're in for a great night for sure! The Hoe Down will offer entertainment all night long starring: Johnny Burke and Eastwind, Todd Nolan, Rick Jones, Claudette Pitre, Laura and Larry Mattsson, Jeff Barry, Barry Hayward, Al Calhoun and the Country Square Dancers, Shelley King will be in character as Minnie Pearl and Canoe FM's Mike Jaycock is the MC for the evening. Have fun!

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IN THE LOCKER ROOM

By Terrance Gavan

YES CASEY… THEY'RE ALL DING BATS

How do you sum up a summer of discontent in sports? Look to the heavens, offer a silent prayer and steal a poem of course. Adding a little larceny of my own, I offer this sad little tale of deceit, violence, cheating and assorted other nefarious misdeeds. No apologies to Ernest Lawrence Thayer, because of course, Mr. Thayer is now six feet down and was possessed of, by all accounts, a good sense of humor.

SAD TIMES IN MUDVILLE

Poor Barry Bonds is mired in some heavy goop these days
The once small head now bloated, from the boos on all his plays
His dealer sits in prison, he won't parlay any blame
And Bonds remains oblivious to fans who all keep yelling "shame!"

Meanwhile somewhere overseas, a tour de farce is laid to rest
The French nation and the biking world can only beat their savage breasts
Where have all the leaders gone? This once famous tour gone flat
Out for blood transfusions, whispers, one cynic to his hat

Well, Rasmussen is MIA, and, the yellow jersey's baked
While Vinokourov hearkened Antoinette, saying, "let them all eat cake"
The officials are saying nada, on their backsides sitting fat
While the poor French fans, in disbelief, offer whispered tabernacs!

And back at home the crazy leprechaun, has let the air out of the ball
That Irish Ref called Donighy, over pro hoops, has drawn a pall

And Stern is rightly miffed, at the rude actions of this nerd
Hey, wasn't that the same guy who ousted my Stevie in the third?

Hey Tim don't show up in Phoenix, cos' I fear they'll ring your bell
Or maybe drop your sorry butt into a deep, deep Scottsdale well
But this scandal begs the question, and it echoes thru the flats
If it took this long to catch him, How bad *was*, this goofy hack?

Stern faced all the cameras, with righteous frown upon his face
And mustering his best lawyer-ese, tried to put this thing in place
It's just a rogue official, Stern said, at his little fireside chat
If you think the fans are buying Dave, you're talking to your hat.

And now we come to Michael, whose name, so soiled with dirt
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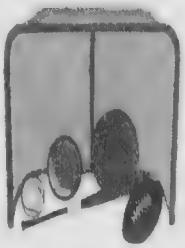

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Vick lists "dog person" in his bio, but that's just an ironic slip
You see Mikey, most *dog people* I know, don't favor chains and whips

And so now a federal indictment is screeching thru the air
Aimed at Mikey's noggin, his eyes set with vacant stare
Mikey boldly says not guilty, I love my dogs Vicks said
Yeah, yadda, yadda, yadda, Mike, just please, go soak your head!

And meanwhile back in Crazyville, Vince bellows and he roars
His voice rattles down the pillars and breaks his hype along the shores
We don't cotton to steroids here, rants the idiot Vince McMahon
And in the face of recent tragedy, alls not well in wrestling land.

In the wink of a needle's glint, Chris Benoit now is gone
And before the paperwork is done, McMahon just blusters on
With a nod and a wink to his spin guy, he turns to the camera crew
And offers no apology, after all, he's only here... to pump his pay per view.

And men are dying younger than they should in wrestling today
But Vince McMahon won't compromise his seedy little play
So they fight against the odds and you see their muscles strain
But 'roids can't heal the dying and valium never eases pain.

And now we're back to Barry, teeth clenched, he's at the plate
He's braced against an inside blush, his bat now tied to fate
And now the pitcher holds the ball and now he lets it go
And now the air is shattered by the force of Barry's blow.

Oh somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright
The band is playing somewhere and somewhere hearts are light
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout
But there's no joy in baseball – mighty Barry hit one out.

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I don't know what your problem is, but I bet it's hard to pronounce.

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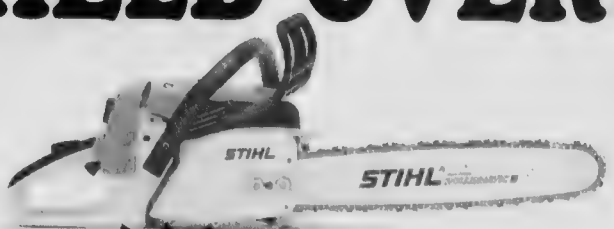

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What was the Leaning Tower of Pisa for?

Have You Ever Wondered

Why is it that...

What was the Leaning Tower of Pisa originally designed to house? Such as, apartments, shops, observatory, monument, etc.

Answer: it's a campanile. This perhaps raises additional questions in your mind, e.g.:Next question: What's a campanile?
Answer: A bell tower.

The region around Pisa was famous for them. But the best excuse for a tower they could come up with in the 12th century was: We could put bells on it! Whereas we 20th-century sophisticates, with our mature grasp of the architectonic possibilities, would be more likely to say: What a great place for a satellite dish.

All joking aside, The bell tower construction begun in 1174 as the third and final structure of Pisa's cathedral complex, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says. *Scientific American*, however, says construction started in 1173.

What's with the slant you might ask? The answer to that question is met with a question - you've heard the expression "building on sand"? The Leaning Tower of Pisa is exhibit A. All of the Piazza dei Miracoli, the square in which the tower stands, is subsiding, but the spot under the leaning tower seems particularly unstable. The tower began to lean while it was still under construction.

So why'd they keep going you might ask?

Answer: You've never dealt with contractors. (Just kidding again) - During the first phase of construction, from 1173 to 1178, the tower began to lean slightly north. When they got to the third level the builders made the walls higher on the north side and shorter on the south side to level out the top.

Why didn't they just start from scratch? Maybe they figured nobody would notice. Or, an alternative explanation comes to mind when you look at a cross section of the tower. The thing is massive, with masonry walls maybe eight or nine feet thick at the base. All told, the tower weighs 14,700 metric tons. The guys may have figured, no way we're doing this sucker over.

In 1178 construction halted due to 'political unrest.' By the time construction resumed in 1272, the building was leaning the opposite way, toward the south. A reasonable crew would have concluded: this project is doomed. Let's see if we can unload it on somebody with astigmatism. Not these guys. They added stories four through seven. At level five, having previously zigged south, they decided to zag north, making the walls noticeably taller on the south side in an attempt to square things up. This gives the building the squashed-layer-cake look it has today.

Construction halted again in 1278 (more unrest) and resumed

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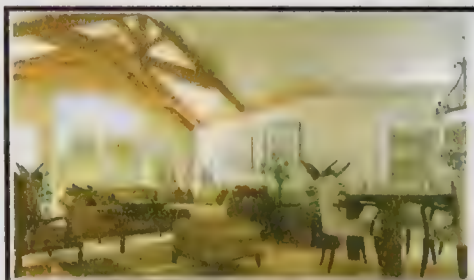

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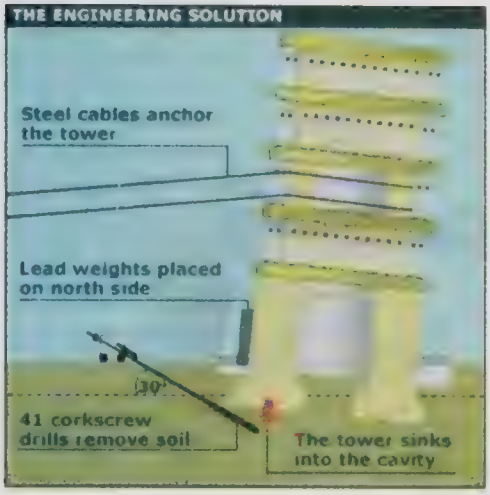
in 1360. Bear in mind that it was now 187 years after the first stone was laid, the tower was dangerously out of true, and there were still no bells in it. What the hell, said the Pisans, let's put in some bells. They added the eighth and final story, the bell chamber, which zagged even further north, and at some point installed the first of seven bells. The largest of these, cast in 1655, weighed nearly three and a half tons.



Even though the building tactics are questionable, the thing is still standing today, more than 800 years after it was started. How long do you think that aluminum siding on your garage is going to last?

That said, the fact that something has lasted 800 years is no guarantee it's going to last 900. Despite, and in a couple cases because of, various ameliorative efforts, the tower's tilt steadily increased over the centuries, so that today it's about 17 feet out of true (pretty steep tilt for a building that's only 185 feet high). Remarkably, the bells were still rung, and the public was still allowed to climb to the top. Then in 1989 a similar bell tower collapsed. Oops, said those in charge. They promptly closed the Leaning Tower and began some serious rehab. The most visible signs of this are 750 metric tons of lead weights piled around the north side of the base and steel straps around the second level to keep it from collapsing under the weight of the unevenly loaded masonry above. Results to date: It's still standing, but I wouldn't want to have a picnic under it.

To leave you with a chuckle... the latest plan is to take out the bells and put in a clock.

Question: Why a clock?

Answer: Because it's no use having the inclination if you haven't got the time.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Killer targets postmen

Two who were delivering money were snatched from their routes in broad daylight

Come closer. This one is really weird.

First, you should know that not all postmen in Austria are your everyday, average mail deliverers as in Canada.

There are two distinct types. One performs exactly the same functions as his Canadian counterpart; the other is referred to as a money postman.

DELIVERS THE CASH

He delivers all moneys sent through the mail in cash. Naturally enough, one of his main tasks is delivering funds to pensioners.

On Friday, Jan. 4, 1974, a money postman in the city of Graz disappeared. Roman Rauch was a veteran money postman, who had never had any difficulty on the job. He was married and the father of two adult children.

Due to the nature of his job, his superiors immediately reported him missing to authorities when he failed to report after he should have concluded his route.

Police checked out Roman's schedule of cash deliveries, all of which happened to be to pensioners.

They found that he had paid out $106 to Simon Landauer, an 84-year-old pensioner, but had failed to deliver $106.34 to Leon Preis, 76.

The cash had been turned over to Landauer at 12:10 p.m., but Roman had not shown up at Preis'

door at the expected time of 12:20 p.m. He had $1,500 on him when he vanished.

It was reasonable for police to assume that somewhere between the two deliveries, something had happened to Roman Rauch.

POSTMAN'S LIFE PROBED

A check of Roman's home life indicated that there was no other woman lurking in the wings.

Roman loved his wife, family and job. How then did he disappear in broad daylight on busy Schoenau St.?

It was only a 10-minute walk between the two residences in question. Surely, someone would have seen something. But no one did.

All the shops along Schoenau St. were canvassed. Obviously, uniformed postmen were unseen servants of the state. They performed their tasks unnoticed by the public.

The day after Roman disappeared, the post office assigned a new employee, 20-year-old Gerhart Rosenberger, to Roman's route. The investigation continued.

Because no one had witnessed anything unusual, police had to take into consideration that Roman could have disappeared of his own volition.

But it was hard to believe that such a man would leave his wife and family for $1,500. Besides, he had left behind $5,000 in his bank account. No, it had to be murder.

Roman must have vanished along his route between the Landauer and Preis residences. Both these gentlemen were frail, elderly men, who were above suspicion.

Four months passed. Police were no nearer a solution to the disappearance than they were on the day Roman vanished. On

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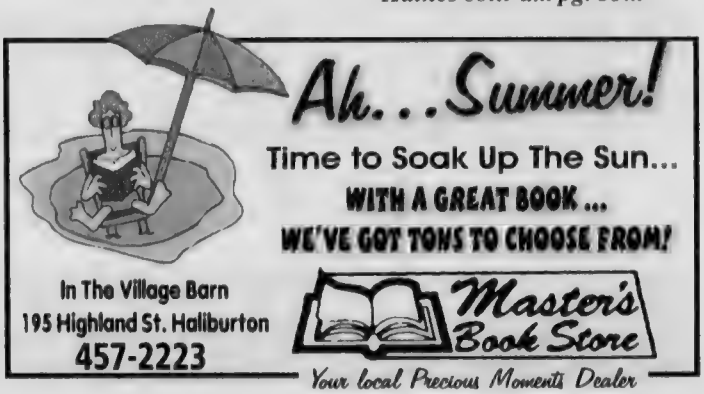

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April Fool's Day, Gerhart Rosenberger failed to report in at the conclusion of his route. The similarity of the two disappearing acts was uncanny. Gerhart had paid cash to Mr. Landauer, but had never made it to the next pensioner on his route, Mr. Preis. He had $7,600 left in his possession.

Now, more than ever, police realized that someone had worked out a method of plucking postmen off Schoenau St. without being seen.

CHECKED FOR ENEMIES

Police checked out whether the two men had an enemy in common. They found that both men had no enemies at all. There was simply no connecting link between the two victims other than they were both money postmen on the same route.

There were nine shops along the 10-minute walk between the Landauer and Preis residences. All but one were owned by individual entrepeneurs. The one exception was the Sunshine Cafe, which was part of a chain.

Detectives found out that three of the shops were in financial difficulty - Huber's Dry Goods, Ziegler's Second Hand Book Store and Hold's Butcher Shop.

Of the three shop owners, 26-year-old Karl Hold appeared to be the likeliest suspect because he was living beyond his means. He had a 20-year-old blond with expensive tastes stashed away in a luxurious apartment.

However, Hold had not paid off any debts since the two disappearances.

His butcher shop was a modest affair. It had no back entrance or basement, but did have a large refrigeration unit and a living room off the store.

The refrigerator held a large number of sausage sandwiches, which sold to the hordes of schoolchildren who patronized the shop each day.

Police questioned everyone along the street. They were assured that Hold had not left his premises on the two days in question. His butcher shop was a one-man operation. If he left, he had to close up. Neighbours would notice.

There matters stood until April 4, when both bodies, partially dismembered, turned up in a public dump. The bodies were individually boxed and tied with twine.

Autopsies indicated both Roman and Gerhart had been killed by a hatchet blow to the back of their heads.

They had died instantly and had been dismembered with a degree of skill.

It was thought that the killer could have been a doctor or butcher. When informed that each victim had consumed a sausage sandwich shortly before death, police knew they had their man.

Police officers, who had searched Hold's butcher shop on two previous occasions, were interrogated.

They admitted they hadn't searched the large refrigeration unit because Hold had been serving food to customers directly from the refrigerator. Assorted meat may have hidden the bodies in the refrigerator from their view.

When police found one woman who swore she had seen Rosenberger go into Hold's shop and not come out, Hold was taken into custody. Once apprehended, Hold confessed.

The two money postmen habitually dropped into his shop for a sausage sandwich.

On the day of Roman's murder, Hold had asked him if he wanted some coffee with the sandwich and had invited him into the small living room off the shop.

He hit the unsuspecting postman with a hatchet, killing him instantly. The body was placed in the refrigerator and covered with meat.

When Hold discovered that Roman had only $1,500 on him, he decided to do the same thing to his replacement.

MOTIVE FOR KILLING

The killings had been money motivated and the money had gone to keep his girlfriend in her luxurious apartment.

Karl Hold was found guilty on two counts of premeditated murder. On Aug. 23, 1974, he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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Woman Bends Steel with Bare Hands

At a remote, off-the-grid farm in the Haliburton Highlands, Lisa Binnie bends steel into fantastic shapes using only a few simple tools and sometimes just her bare hands.

Lisa creates sculptures and whimsical and functional metalwork for the house and garden, like moss-lined planters, elegant pot hangers, giant sunflowers, moose head trophies and magazine racks in the form of sheep. Every piece is handmade from her original designs. Functional pieces are produced only in small quantities, while each sculpture is unique.

Lisa has been developing her remarkable powers since she was a little girl. "I used to try concentrating hard enough to turn off the light with the power of my mind." She laughs. "Compared to that, bending steel is easy."

In her teens, Lisa explored photography, music, writing and sketching. She studied theatre at Ryerson, which led to a job at Theatre Passe Muraille, "doing tech stuff—cutting pipes, hanging lights, running audio". While attending classes in art metalwork offered by the Toronto Board of Education, she discovered her true calling. Later, the three-year adult art program at Central Tech in Toronto gave her a broad education in art that she applies to her metalwork.

"I really enjoy it, getting filthy, getting little burn holes in clothes. It's heavy, hard work, it smells really bad, but if you have a stressful job, what a way to get rid of your anxieties! You can wail away, using heavy-duty hammers on metal, and make a lot of noise. I like the physical approach."

But she soon ran into a problem. Where could she use welding torches without setting things on fire and make a racket without bothering the neighbours? Lisa and her husband decided to buy a farm in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I wanted to have some property in the country, somewhere wild and rugged, so I was attracted to this area. Up here we have all this space. It smells good. I have a studio in the barn, an old haymow. I laid patio stones down on the exposed wood floor and put up baffles to keep the sparks from going where they shouldn't. If it's windy I keep the barn doors closed, otherwise I have them wide open. I can hammer away to my heart's content!" Hunt camps surround the farm, so Lisa tries to keep the noise down during deer season. "Otherwise, I have a lot of freedom."

The first project she built in her new studio was a commission for the Toronto Parks Department. "I made a full-size horse out of steel rods welded together to make it look like it was trotting." The Parks Department filled the hollow sculpture with planting material, dirt and loam. "It was a fancy garden planter. The horse was stuffed with ivies, so instead of hair it grew little green plants. They used it in a Christmas display in the beautiful greenhouse at Allen Gardens, a park in downtown Toronto. It was pulling a sleigh full of presents, and all around it were different-coloured poinsettias." The horse's present home is the Riverdale Farm. "It's nice to know he's not just stuck in a warehouse. He's out by the farm greeting visitors."

Lisa is looking forward to displaying her work in the Highlands East Studio Tour (highlandseaststudiotour.com) this summer. The public is invited to visit her studio and watch a demonstration of her unique powers.

"I'll be bending steel and getting pieces prepared. I'll talk about how I approach the project and how I decide what the next step is. It's a big mystery to a lot of people, how you go about creating something from the vision you have in your head.

"For me it's not the final product that really matters. It's the process of making it. I know some people who are so attached to the work they've made that they have a hard time letting it go. If I like what I've done, that's great, but I don't feel emotionally attached to the piece. I like the process. That's why I don't always try to hide the welds. They

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may need a bit of smoothing so they're not rough or sharp, but I don't try to hide the fact that I've built this piece by welding. I like to have little flaws showing."

The process involves planning as well as improvisation. "I don't do many preparatory drawings. Usually I begin with an idea in my head and just start executing it in three dimensions. Sometimes I make a maquette, a small-scale model. I like to work in 3D when I'm plotting out a three-dimensional project. The more sculptural it is—compared to the functional stuff I do—the more the piece ends up dictating what I have to do next. I start off with a specific idea, but I'm not locked into that. I don't feel I need to be tied down to my original idea or drawing unless it's a commission. When it's a commission, I have to show my client what my idea is right from the start—I can't surprise them in the end with a whole new idea, different from the original plan." Lisa welcomes orders for custom work.

"Right now I'm working on a commission, a steel sculpture that's about ten feet tall. It's going to have some rocks and stones woven into it. It's meant to be outdoors, and hopefully it will trap some seeds and mosses that will actually grow in the sculpture. It will change its shape over the years, taking on a life of its own.

"I often use recycled material like old stovepipes and railway spikes," Lisa says. "I've been making decorative pieces, like cats cut out of sheet metal. And I've almost finished making a dog out of the top of an old wringer washer and some other found parts. I have to put him outside for a while to let him weather because I've used some newer material to hold him together.

"I have a couple of projects in mind for our own property that I hope to have ready in time for the studio tour. There's an old bathtub near the barn, and I'm going to make a woman out of scrap metal to sit in it. Her legs will dangle out of one end of the tub and her head will stick up at the other end."

She adds eagerly, "I'll take donations of scrap metal any time. I'm sure I'll find a use for them."

Lisa has a parallel career in photography. "My father took a lot of photographs and had his own darkroom at home. There was always camera equipment around. I took photography all through high school." For several years she has worked at Toronto Image Works, the imaging lab owned by world-renowned photographer Ed Burtynsky.

Lisa's recent work was shown in Contact, the photo festival held every May in Toronto. "I had an installation at the Gladstone Hotel, a series of photographs that I call 'sculptures for the camera'. I created these odd landscapes using reflective sheet metal and steel scrap, some of which came from a friend's dump near Maynooth. I made little figures out of wire and they're doing strange things with the scrap metal pieces, climbing over them or cleaning them up. It's not normal landscape photography, and not normal people photography either. I'm going to pursue this 'sculptures with the camera' idea further."

Does she actually bend steel with her bare hands?

"I often wear gloves, but sometimes I just use my hands. I don't always need heat to bend steel. It depends on how thick it is. I can bend it up to a quarter-inch thick with my bare hands."

Lisa's studio, Deer Apple Forge, is located at 1513 Airport Road, off the Loop Road just south of Highland Grove. Everyone is welcome to visit the studio during the Highlands East Studio Tour on the weekend of August 11-12. Or call 613.334.0275 to make an appointment to watch Lisa perform her wondrous feats, and maybe buy a piece or two.

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There are up to twelve $100 cash prizes for selected photographs.

The Arts Council hopes to achieve a number of things with this competition:

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7. Closing Date: 4:00 pm, November 1, 2007 - For an entry form please contact the Arts Council at 457-3555 or info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

Travel To The Lost Worlds at the Minden Library

By Diane Peacock

This summer join us at the Minden Hills Library as we travel to the Lost Worlds during the TD Summer Reading Program. We will be joining Clara and Andre, two young travelers as they journey to the classical worlds of Greece and Rome, ancient Egypt and China, great Incan and Mayan empires, African kingdoms, Camelot in the age of chivalry and the world of the Vikings.

Once again the TD Financial Group and the Toronto Public Library have joined forces together to keep our children reading during the summer. The theme this year was chosen to appeal to children of all ages. Having your child read during the summer months will help to keep up their reading skills away from school and they will not fall behind during these 2 months of their holidays.

All you need to join is a valid registration at your local library and then come on in. On joining our group you will receive your Lost Worlds poster, stickers, and activity book. You will also receive your log sheet on which you will record the titles of the books you have read. When you have read your 10 books (or more if you so choose) you will receive a certificate from the library showing your achievement and a very special prize. Last summer our readers read more then 200 books over the summer.

Seeing the children's faces last year when they received their certificates and their prize was the highlight of the program for me. As each youngster brought in their log sheet for me to check each week their eyes lit up when I praised them and encouraged them to keep up the great progress they were making. I could see that progress as some of the children started with easy books and by the end of the summer they were reading books with a little more difficulty.

We have a great selection of books for the children to choose from and they don't have to be following along the line of the program theme. In fact as long as it is a book from the library they can read any kind they want. The main idea here is to keep them reading and let them enjoy it while they do it.

Our program will run until the end of the summer so there is still time to come in and join up. . If you would like more details please call us at the library during open hours at 286-2491. Our hours are Tuesday's and Wednesday 10:00 to noon and 1:00 to 5:00, Thursday's 1:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00, Friday's 1:00 to 5:00 and Saturday's noon to 5:00.

Remember your library card is the Key to the Lost Worlds. Lost Worlds @ your library

Ghost Stories
Scary Tales

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Adelphi Theatre Haunting

The **Adelphi Theatre** is rumoured to be haunted by the ghost of William Terris. Terris was a popular actor who was killed by a jealous rival.

Terris was killed on December 16, 1897 during the run of the "Secret Service". Actor Richard Prince hated Terris and killed him as Terris was unlocking the Adelphi Theatre stage door.

Terris died in the arms of his Mistress, Jessie Milward. As he was dying he whispered "Ill be back".

The first reporting of the ghost at the Adelphi Theatre was 1928. A stranger saw a male figure in Maiden Lane which he said was a ghost. He later identified the figure as Terris from a photograph.

Poltergiest activity started to manifest in the dressing room once used by Milward. In 1956 the ghost of Terris was reported at the Covent Garden Underground.

Later again there was a sighting in the Adelphi Theatre.

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Press Play Fills Video and Gaming Void

Haliburton Gets New Video Rental Shop

By Terrance Gavan

Press Play, the newest addition to Haliburton's downtown core, is stepping into the void created by the sudden closure of Video City.

Press Play is located at 50 York Street, near the entrance to the old Doctor's Offices and Suites.

New owner Trace Morfey is in the middle of "filling a few holes with inventory and collecting some older titles that weren't available at Video City."

Press Play acquired all of the Video and Gaming inventory from Video City, but they will not be stocking the old VHS tapes.

"We own the tapes as well, but we'll only be keeping DVD's on the shelves," explains Morfey, who adds that new titles are not coming out in VHS Format any longer. "The store here is smaller than Video City, but without the tapes, we can still carry a lot of stock," explains Morfey. She adds that new DVD titles will be arriving on a weekly basis as they become available.

They do have plans however, for the old Video City VHS tape inventory.

"We'll sell the VHS Cassettes off in lots, a little at a time," says Morfey. She says that there are too many tapes to place them all on the floor at once, so they intend to keep a few baskets on the floor over the upcoming months.

Morfey, who has a full time job with a local quarry and site services firm, says that the closure of Video City in mid-June provided the impetus to embark on something that she and partner Harold Vince had been contemplating for some time.

"I was looking for a family business to invest in, and I had worked for Doug at Video City for a time, so I knew something about the business," says Morfey.

"I still have a full time job, so the boys are going to run it," laughs Morfey. "I bought it, but Harold and Bradley (Morfey's son) are in charge."

Morfey says that she and daughter Ashley will try to stay well clear of the day-to-day running of the business. "I'll still do the books and I'll be in every once in a while to help out, but it's the boys' business," says Morfey.

Harold, who will be responsible for the day-to-day operation, was working at Curry Motors when the opportunity arose.

"I was looking for a change of pace and I have a background in the service industry," says Vince. Vince has previous work experience at Pinestone Resort and Wigamog Inn.

Vince is excited about the prospect, but also admits that there's a lot of work still to do.

For instance, there's no TV on location yet, but that's coming.

"We opened in a hurry, because there was a need for a new store when Video City closed," says Morfey. "We're upgrading our inventory every day." The Grand Opening was held on July 21 and since then the store has seen a steady rise in clientele.

"We're welcoming old Video City clients and gradually people are starting to find out where we are," says Vince.

Indeed, if 'Location, Location, Location' is the standard for business placement, this spot, at first glance, might not pass the acid test.

"Once people get to know where we are, it's actually pretty handy," says Morfey.

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"Even when it's really busy downtown and people are fighting for spots, our parking lot down here is usually available," says Morfey.

And actually, in the course of renting several movies, this scribe finds access to be far more handy than attempting to negotiate the de facto ski jump exit from the old Video City location.

I've zipped in and out of Press Play on several occasions, never once having to deal with the summer gridlock which takes place far above on Highland Street. And, without the congestion of VHS Cassettes in the inventory mix, the titles are remarkably easy to locate. Thus a trip to Press Play can happen in the space of 5 minutes, if you have a title in mind.

"People who come in actually remark that it's very accessible," says Morfey. She adds that the Grand Opening with BBQ was a success. "We had quite a few people here and it went really well."

Unlike Video City, which maintained a few Internet stations, games room and computer repair outlet, Morfey and Vince intend to keep it simple.

"We're doing videos and games only," says Morfey. "We won't be doing any internet access. The Internet Café is just down a few doors and they handle it very well."

She adds that with announcements concerning the closure of 300 or so Blockbuster Video Stores south of the border recently, and the rise in the Netflix Video by Mail boom, she had to consider this foray into Press Play very carefully.

"I did do some research on similar businesses in small towns in the area and I came to the conclusion that there is still room for a video business in this location," says Morfey.

NEW TITLES AND RENTAL POLICY

Vince adds that they will be filling in some previously uncovered inventory that went unlisted by Video City in the past. So look forward to seeing some Harry Potter and even some Michael Moore (Farenheit 911) flicks on the shelves of Press Play soon.

Vince says that rental policy will be changing as well.

"We'll need a Driver's License to set up an account, but after that, all you'll need to give us is your phone number associated with the account," says Vince.

Registered clients will also be able to place family members on the same account, allowing all registered account members to rent movies or games as well.

Renters will also be given a "frequent flyer" card that can be stamped after every rental. Once the card is filled with 10 stamps, users are entitled to a free movie.

Prices right now are set at $5 per night rental on new titles. A two-night rental for a new release will cost $8. They are also offering the option of a Friday to Monday rental on a new release for $10.

Once a title been archived to the stacks, they can be rented for two nights at $5. Late fees will accrue at $3.50 per day and all rentals are due back at 6 P.M.

At present, and because of the sudden rush to open, Morfey and Vince are still operating on a cash-only basis.

"We are waiting on Interac," says Morfey. "And we may leave it as cash only, but that depends on customer response. I will listen to the customers and any input they give."

Meanwhile, says Morfey, "it's a work in progress. Every day we'll be adding something new."

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Each year always on the Thursday before the 23 of August, Sally Moore organizes and holds the most unique and extraordinary fund raising event the county has ever experienced. Two hours of fun, games and laughter result in two local non-profit organizations receiving the needed operating monies for the coming year. How can your not-for-profit organization benefit? Members of your board of directors, volunteers and staff of your organization are encouraged to attend the Loonie Extravaganza™ this year to represent your organization. Sally suggests that the more people you have attending this fun night, from your organization, the greater the possibility of winning half or all of the proceeds of the evening. Read on to learn how.

Near the finale of the evening, following the games, fun and laughter one representative from each not for profit organization may briefly introduce (2 minutes message, bring handouts also if you like) their organization to the others attending the evening...a very easy way to share information about your organization to a captive audience.

Then each participant is given a ballot on which they are to write the name of the organization they feel is worthy of the evenings donations. All the ballots are collected and put into a hat. Two ballots are chosen from the hat like a lottery. The more times your organization's name is in the hat the more likely your organization will receive the proceeds of the evening.

Participants of the evening should be prepared to make a financial donation, and bring a gift for the prize table. To learn more about the Loonie Extravaganza™ call Sally (286-4922). Everyone must RSVP for your ticket to the event. Space is limited.

The event is called "Loonie" because it is outrageously fun. Called "Extravaganza" as it represents a variety of activity and short 30 second games never before experienced by the average adult unless of course you participated in this unusual fundraiser last year. Hope to hear you are bringing members of your not for profit organization.

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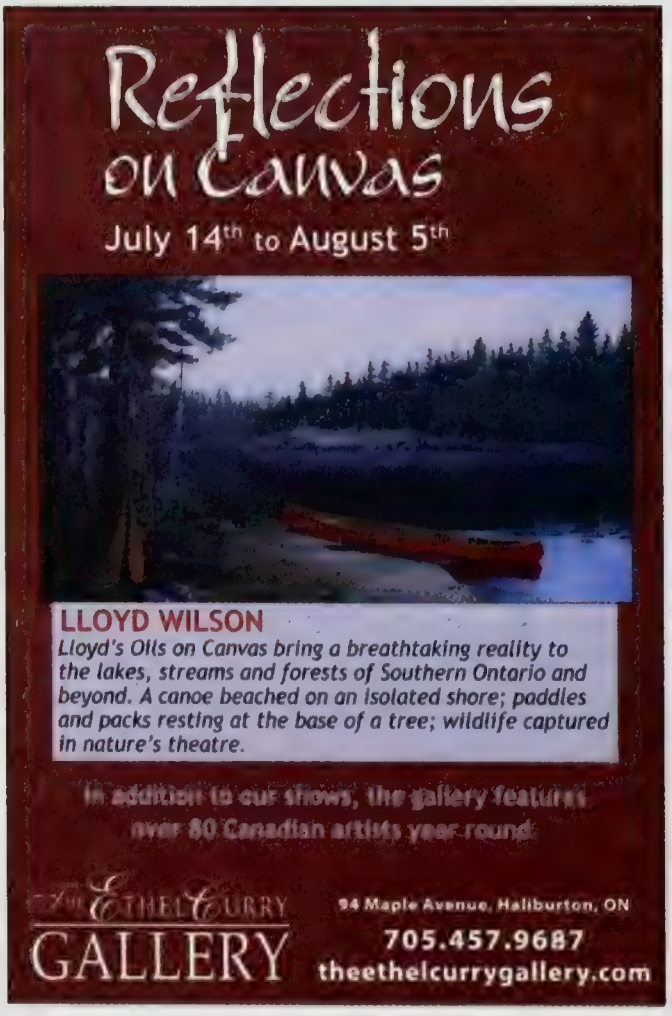
Opera Comes to the Highlands This Summer

The exciting world of opera is coming to the Haliburton Highlands this summer. During the month of August, the Highlands Summer Festival in conjunction with two of Canada's outstanding members of the opera community, presents the Highlands Opera Studio.

Internationally reknown tenor Richard Margison and New York Metropolitan Opera Director Valerie Kuinka, are co-ordinating the Highlands Opera Studio, an intensive month of musical study and fabulous operatic performances.

In August seven aspiring opera singers will be studying their craft at the Highlands Opera Studio. Seasoned professionals will instruct them in voice, interpretation, language, movement and the many other skills that are required in the presentation of opera. During the month, the public will have a number of opportunities to watch the process unfold and get a glimpse into the exciting world of opera.

"Opera is often perceived as being inaccessible, confusing and perhaps elitist, even by those who regularly attend dramatic theatre," Kuinka commented. The Opera Studio is hoping to break down some of those barriers and demolish some of those myths. "The Highlands Opera Studio will provide an opportunity for people who never thought of attending an opera to do so and find out 'what all the noise is about'," she said with a smile.



The Highlands Opera Studio is providing a number of opportunities for the public to see and hear opera performed, right here in the Highlands.

The first occurs when the participants in the Opera Studio will present their best work for adjudication at two Master Classes. The participants will sing a favourite aria or excerpt from as opera and then a seasoned veteran of the stage, Selena James, will offer her observations on the performance. "This can be a very humbling experience for a singer," Kuinka said, "but is also provides a valuable feedback that will enhance their performances and careers. Those in the audience will also gain an understanding of what goes into a great operatic performance." Selena James is a veteran, not only of the stage, but has also been a highly regarded voice teacher for several decades, including Richard Margison in her list of successful students. The Master Classes will take place Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11 at the Minden United Church starting at 7:30 p.m.

The participants will demonstrate their many opera skills as well when they perform in an Opera Excerpts Concert. They will be singing familiar selections from a variety of well-known operas. "This will be a great evening of music with many favourite arias and excerpts being presented," Kuinka said. "An evening like this is always popular with audiences because it offers a broad range of operatic styles and music most people will find familiar and engaging." The Opera Excerpts Concert will be held on Friday, August 17 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton starting at 8 p.m.

At the culmination of their three weeks of study, the Highlands Opera Studio participants will present two, one-act operas. "Both operas will be sung in English," Kuinka explained. "Not untypical of opera story lines, these two delightful tales follow the path of exuberant lovers, whose dalliances lead to all sorts of complications. These are fun-filled romps with lots of great music along the way." The two Operas are:

• ***DIE SCHÖNE GALATEE, (Fair Galatea)*** by Franz von Suppé: Pygmalion, a sculptor, creates a statue of a beautiful woman, Galatea, which the rich Mydas wants to buy. Pygmalion prays that Venus will bring the statue to life, but Galatea, as a living woman, causes turmoil by her behaviour and Pygmalion's prayer for the reversal of the miracle is answered. Galatea is turned again to stone, with the jewels that Mydas had given her. If he wishes to retain his valuable necklace, Mydas will now have to purchase the statue.

• ***L'HEURE ESPAGNOLE (The Spanish Hour)*** by Ravel: It is the clockmaker Torque-mada's day to regulate the municipal clocks, and his wife Concepción's day to entertain her lovers. She has three suitors to contend with anmd she is kept busy moving them from one hiding place to the next until Torquemada returns. The opera ends with a lesson for everyone.

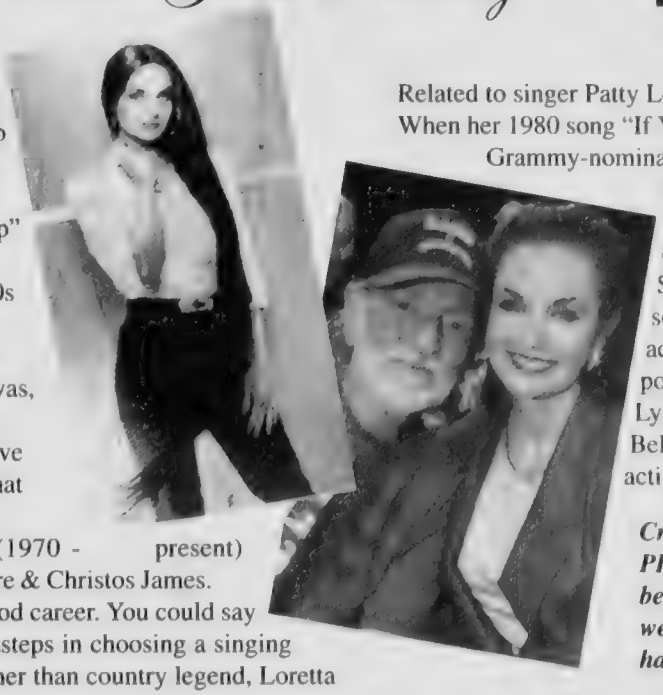
These one-act operas will be presented each evening at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Saturday August 25, Monday August 27 and Wednesday, August 27, at 8 p.m.

"We wanted to make these performances as much fun for the audiences as I know they will be for the performers. Not only will the music be a delight, but the price is right as well," Kuinka said.

Tickets for any of these Highlands Opera Studio presentations can be obtained from the Highlands Summer Festival box office. General admission tickets for the Master Classes are $10. There is reserved seating for the Excerpts Concert and the Opera Performances. Tickets are $25. Contact the box office to purchase tickets. The number is 705-457-9933.

Where are they NOW
Hollywood Stars Gone Missing

Crystal Gayle



Name: Crystal Gayle
Birth Name: Brenda Gail Webb
Born: January 9, 1951, Paintsville, Kentucky
Claim to Fame: A "Country-Pop" singer. She enjoyed the majority of her success in the 70s and 80s, although she still is moderately popular in the 90's.
I'd have to say her biggest hit was, "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue." Then again maybe "You've Been Talking in Your Sleep"... that was pretty big too.
Family Life: Bill Gatzimos (1970 - present) and two children: Catherine Clare & Christos James.
Info: Crystal has had a very good career. You could say she followed in her sister's footsteps in choosing a singing career. Her big sister is none other than country legend, Loretta Lynn.
She has tried her hand at acting a little. In 1987, she was a guest star on the daytime soap, "Another World" for a week. I believe she played herself though.
Where Is She Now: Still actively touring the country, Crystal can still pack them in. In fact you can keep up to date with her concert dates by visiting: Crystal Gayle Tour Dates.
Her current tour is to promote a new CD called, "All My Tomorrow."
If you're in Brentwood TN make sure you stop by her store called, Crystal's. It specializes in gifts.
Trivia: How she got her name Crystal... Loretta thought she needed something a little classier, so they changed it to Crystal after spotting a sign for the "Krystal" restaurant chain.
Her trademark is her floor-length brown hair. When asked why she has it so long she says... "mother always kept my hair cut short."
Crystal is the first female country artist to have an album reach Platinum Status: "We Must Believe In Magic" in 1977.
She's also the first country artist to tour China: 1979

Related to singer Patty Loveless, altought I'm not sure how.
When her 1980 song "If You Ever Change Your Mind" was Grammy-nominated in the Best Country Vocal Performance category, Crystal found herself competing (same category) with Sissy Spacek who was nominated for title song from "Coal Miner's Daughter", the acclaimed biopic in which Sissy portrayed Gayle's real-life sister Loretta Lynn.
Believe it or not, she has done a little bit of acting.

Crystal now with Willie Nelson. PIctured far left is Chrsyal at the beginning of her career. Always well known for the length of her hair.

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Patria Music Theatre Projects brings R. Murray Schafer's unforgettable 'Princess of the Stars' to Bone Lake in the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

By Lea Harper

R. Murray Schafer has been described as a "Canadian Icon", a pioneer in the world of visual arts. The award-winning composer and storyteller has created some of the most unique and challenging theatre ever to grace the stage. Schafer has received just about every prestigious award an artist could ask for: a Juno, the Glenn Gould Award, the Molson Prize...The list goes on.

Patria Music Theatre Projects committed to a five year alliance with the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve and this summer will present its third Schafer production: "Princess of the Stars", on Bone Lake at dawn, August 28th through to September 3rd.

Peter Schleifenbaum's 60,000 acre Reserve is Canada's first "certified sustainable forest" and its many and varied wilderness activities have made it a hotspot for nature enthusiasts and one of the most entertaining educational facilities this country has to offer. Both Schleifenbaum and Schafer are concerned with preservation, with forming an enduring relationship with the natural world. Both are visionaries. A partnership between "The Forest" and Schafer — whose eco-theatre pieces merge with and are enhanced by the environment – seems almost fated. Say hello to high adventure and be prepared to have all six senses honed and sharpened as you join in a deeper communion with all that surrounds us.

"Patria is Latin for homeland and is the title of a cycle of related music dramas that Murray Schafer has been creating during the last thirty years." It was after he "bought a log cabin in the forests of Maynouth" that he conceived Princess of the Stars. "As a result of living there" he found "the relationship between music and the environment — the dialogue between them," the composer said.

"The show was originally presented on a small lake outside Toronto in the 1981 and then remounted in 1985 on a remote lake in Banff National Park where over 5,000 people made the pre-dawn trek" to see the production rise with sun. In September 1997, 'The Princess' found her way to Wildcat Lake in the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. A friend and I drove in from Peterborough to my summer cottage on Kennisis Lake and stayed up all night talking for fear of sleeping through the alarm we'd set. It was well worth a night of sleep deprivation. Acoustic projection across a body of water is astonishing. I suddenly understood why Schafer chose this environment to bring his musical to life. *We arrive in the dark and are born with the sun*, I later wrote in my journal. Horns and flutes, rustling wind, the shivering vibratos of birds and singers mingle, heralding the appearance of a canoe in the swirling mists of a violet daybreak. And that was just the intro. Sitting in close rows on the shore, wrapped in blankets, we were utterly entranced. One became increasingly aware of a stirring confluence: the exigencies of weather and wildlife, the shrinking interval between worlds, the interaction of the rehearsed and the spontaneous, the ephemeral yet eternal moment of a constantly unfolding and enfolding Nature.

Schafer's work has appeared in traditional theatres too — Stratford, The Shaw Festival, the DuMaurier Theatre... and next year the Canadian Opera Company are planning to stage one of his pieces. He's also written books — most recently, Patria: The Complete Cycle, published by Coach House. There is a recurring theme, a common thread running through all the stories. Schafer says, "My idea was that two principal characters, a man and a woman would engage in a search for one another through a labyrinth of different cultures and social twistings almost as if they

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represented the split halves of the same being...They might return with various guises and different names but the quest for unity and the homeland they were seeking would always be the same." This romantic alchemy brings Jung's anima and animus into conjunction with the World Soul and countless Creation myths, timeless thanks to Schafer's fresh treatment of life's odyssey coupled with his own tireless creative spirit.

Carlos Castaneda once referred to dusk/dawn— the brief merging of day and night — as "the power hour", a sudden clarity for those who would avail themselves of the cleaving primordial forces. Schafer deftly makes use of that dreamlike time in his productions to further the theme of unity that his characters seek. Still, some stories insist on midnight to work their magic. "The Black Theatre of Hermes Trismegistos was originally performed in an abandoned winter circus building in Belgium and later in the "cavernous Main Hall of Union Station, after the last train."

In 2005, The Enchanted Forest — under the co-direction of celebrated choreographer Robert Desrosier — opened in Haliburton Forest. The audience moved through a lantern-lit maze of groomed forest paths to each new scene as children and Earth Mother, sprites and spirits, mythical birds and beasts, wizards and wise denizens of the deep faced off in a battle for the trees. The following summer, we sat in bleachers before the Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix — complete with a small but mighty orchestra — as puppets and pagodas doubled themselves in the water. A magnificent set.

And now, after a ten year absence, Princess of the Stars returns to the Haliburton Forest. Come "gather in the pre-dawn hush, listen to haunting music, watch in awe an epic battle on the water as more than 60 performers, musicians, singers, dancers, canoeists and craftspeople weave of spell of magic, mystery."

To reserve tickets contact the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve: (705) 754-2198 www.haliburtonforest.com or www.theforestfestival.com Leslie English (705) 754-4167. To learn more about R. Murray Schafer and Patria Productions visit www.patriamusic.ca and www.patria.org

Haliburton Rotary Carnival Coming To Town Aug. 10 - 11

The Haliburton Rotary Carnival will soon be here! The carnival is in town August 10-11 2007 at Rotary Park in Haliburton. The annual rotary parade happens at 7 pm on the Friday night with the theme of "Race cars of the Century". To register for the parade call Jan McMaster at 457-5145.

The carnival promises bigger and better midway rides this year and a 'Crown and Anchor' wheel will be added this year. Don't forget to bring your appetite for the famous "Beef on a Bun"!

There will be a huge fireworks show happening on the Saturday night at 10 pm. Afterwards at 10:15 the winner of the grand prize draw for the Pontiac Solstice will take place. The winner of the car also has the option of taking home $25,000 cash instead of the car. Be sure you buy a ticket before the draw happens. In all the parade promises to be a blast for all who attend! Have fun!

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Mark Johnston: Actor of the Highlands

One in a series of stories featuring our youth of Haliburton County
By Tyson Farrell

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Over the last decade a strong theatre scene has emerged in Haliburton County. Local companies such as the Highlands Summer Festival, the Highlands Little Theatre, and the Conjurors of County Town have provided a wide and diverse selection of drama. It is theatre groups such as these which are largely responsible for the strong presence that theatre has in our community. However, since most of these groups are relatively young, there are few actors who can say that they grew up surrounded by the theatre scene of Haliburton County. Mark Johnston is one of those few.

Theatre goers of the Highlands know Mark. He has performed in many local plays in his teenage years, and impressed many audiences. One of his most popular performances was in the play *Never Such Innocence Again*, in which Mark played the role of an ardent peace advocate at the beginning of World War One. His performance introduced a new level of social and ethical consciousness into local theatre, and helped *Never Such Innocence Again* win several prestigious awards.

Aside from plays, Mark is known for his monologues. Although he has been known to perform the occasional lighthearted "Kids in the Hall" monologue, his more serious 'soliloquies' are far more common. As and actor Mark is not afraid to delve into the more unpleasant realms of human nature. He has performed several of Chekhov's darker and more disturbing works, which is a challenge that most young actors would shy away from. Inspired by Chekhov's work, Mark wrote an emotional monologue last year about a young man who holds a gun and contemplates suicide. It was an artistically written piece which left audiences stunned and impressed. This only encouraged Mark, motivating him to take even greater artistic risks. One of his most impressive performances was his depiction of King Oedipus. Mark managed to condense the famous Greek tragedy *Oedipus Rex* into a three minute performance, in which he played several different characters. This may sound like an unrealistic or absurd act, but the performance was so popular that Mark used it as his audition piece for drama school.

When considering some of the tragic roles Mark has created and played one might wonder why he would choose such dark roles. "It's not because I m depressed, or a Goth or anything like that," Mark explains. "As an actor, one simply needs to be versatile. You have to experiment, take risks, and that often means playing darker roles. I m a happy person, and if I played happy roles all the time, I wouldn't be pushing my limits as an actor. In fact, playing such dark roles is a real pleasure for an actor."

Mark has not only acted on stage, however, as he has made a small anthology of short films which he shows at local schools and film festivals. As well as writing and directing his films, Mark usually acts in them. Titles of his films include "Philosophy Through Movement and Music" and "All the F/X." His longest film, at eleven minutes, was "B.O.A.T.S.," a Catcher-in-the-Rye-esque story about a young man's journey to find himself.

After acting in plays and short films throughout high school, Mark left to pursue his theatrical education last year. He auditioned and was accepted into the exclusive University Of Toronto theatre programme. "It was a thrill to get accepted into such a programme," he says. "I've completed my first year of study, and learned more about theatre than I have in the last ten years of my life."

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Being a student of drama in a university is an important part of many actors' lives. More and more nowadays, actors complete a formal education in drama before they begin their careers. Without such an education it is very difficult to thrive as a professional thespian. Attending a university also gives students a convenient gateway to acting jobs. Many commercials seen on television have actors cast from Canadian universities, and many come from the University of Toronto theatre programme. So the citizens of the Highlands should not be surprised if they see Mark in a television commercial in a couple of years.

This summer, Mark has returned from University for the summer, and is putting his newly acquired knowledge to good use. "When I came home in the spring, I really wanted to perform with a local theatre group. It was too late to audition for the Summer Festival for the season, so I was thought I was out of luck. Fortunately, something great came up. I found out that Michael Fay had written a new play called *The Last of the Great White Pine* and that it was being performed this August. I auditioned, and was lucky enough to land a role," he explains. "I was also invited to perform at the Newfanglers Art Festival, which will be a lot of fun. It makes me very happy to be back in the local theatre circle."

It's a real pleasure to see a product of the local theatre community such as Mark. He has been lucky enough to grow up in an area that has a talented, professional, and intimate theatre scene that is capable of taking local youth and introducing them to a life of drama. If Mark had not growth up in an area that had such a thriving theatre community it is likely that he would not have become a university drama student and begun what promises to be a very exciting career.

No one is listening until you make a mistake

HIGHLANDS SQUASH CLUB BACK ON SERVE

By Terrance Gavan

Highlands Squash Club President Glen Carter has apparently never encountered a dark cloud he couldn't dapple with a little spark of silver.

So when a looming tempest on the horizon, in the form of a curling club renovation project, threatened to rock the Highlands Squash Club off its foundation, Carter was able to see past the gloom and find some solace and a zipper of blue.

After years of inactivity Carter decided it was time.

Time to revisit the past, grab a gavel, muster the troops and get to work in an attempt to revive the old Highlands Squash Club. He called up his old playing partner Don Gage and together they have been doing their best Don Quixote impersonation, tilting away at every windmill in their path.

"After four years of treading water and running a very limited squash program (only during curling club hours)," explains Carter, in a recently published newsletter, "we are happy to say that we now have year round access through the original entrance."

Carter and Club Treasurer Gage are sitting in the Highlands Squash Club office going over some plans, looking at options and reveling in the fact that the old stomping ground now has a chance. They are planning a Fall 2007 Grand Re-Opening and these are heady times.

Both Carter and Gage have managed, at least for the nonce, to insert some stanchions on the levees and they are taking heart in local response from present, past and 'wannabe' new members of the Club who have joined in the fight for a Jaws of Life resuscitation of the erstwhile club.

The office is sparsely furnished and still boasts pictures hearkening the Club's heyday back in the eighties when 100-120 dues-paying members came out at least twice a week to participate in a thriving and competitive house-league. Back then, the Highlands Squash Club was happening; a vehicle for head-to-head match-ups, fierce inter-team rivalries, the occasional tournament and a locked-and-loaded social calendar.

"Well you wouldn't know it today, but this used to be a very busy spot," smiles Carter, pointing to some of the photos lining the walls, depicting former and present members at various events. Dances, tournaments and parties reflected the vim, vigor and verve of the club's varied and vibrant membership.

That was then.

A change in the overall demographic during the early nineties started a swing away from squash. Like a lot of changing trends the sudden downswing is hard to quantify, and Carter and Gage are both at a loss to explain it. Whatever the reason, interest in the squash club began to wane significantly in the 1990's.

Membership dropped and access was finally relegated to late fall, winter and early spring when matches could be had during curling club hours of operation only.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE

Thanks to some work by Gage, who is in charge of selling reduced rate memberships at $50 per adult and $25 per student, that scenario has changed.

"Now anyone who wants to play can show their card at Jug City and receive the key," says Gage. "We'd like to thank Jug City for helping us out," he adds, noting that many local businesses and some old friends have stepped up to the plate to help.

Gage and Carter hope that the mere fact that the courts are available for play will light a spark. According to the ad hoc Executive, this court availability is an important first step.

Now, as with any new endeavor, there are the requisite growing pains and some sacrifices to make. Carter smiles and adds that they may be asking for some "giddyup" in return for the fire-sale membership prices

Carter explains that the new arrangement, along with giving members access for a quick game of squash, will also give new and old members access for, ahem, 'other things' as well. "Now that we can get in, we'll be calling on members to help with work on the courts, especially some scraping, sanding and painting," says Carter. He has no doubt that once the call goes out there will be no shortage of willing hands.

But lumped in with the positives there are still a few niggling negatives. "Unfortunately we no longer have the use of the observation gallery or the washrooms, so plans are underway to acquire funding to address these two issues," says Carter.

Washroom space is a fundamental and major stumbling block, but it could be solved pretty inexpensively if the Curling Club and Squash Club could reach common ground on a shared washroom situation.

The curling club and squash club used to share showers and washroom facilities. Carter explains that the showers are no longer there and the curling club has thus far resisted negotiating a shared facility situation. This bulwark against an access to washrooms will necessitate visiting some rather expensive and onerous alternatives explains Gage.

THE BACKGROUND STORY

By way of a quick backgrounder, during the eighties, the curlers and squash club members shared the burden of bills according to use.

Gage is quick to point out that the Highlands Squash Club was in a sound financial position back then. With over 100 members paying an initiation fee plus yearly dues, the coffers were at times lined with roughly $15K in yearly income, more than enough to accommodate property, taxes, hydro, water and infrastructure upkeep on a shared basis with the Curling Club.

At some point in the late eighties and early nineties the Curling Club membership started to grow and the Squash Club membership started to decline. Carter thinks the Squash Club may have been a little slow on the switch in assessing the changing demographic.

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"The curling club started to grow and we didn't adjust the bills soon enough to reflect that change," says Carter.

Which may have been all right had the Squash Club retained its flourishing 120 member base. But those numbers started to decline and they continued to a denouement. And finally there came a time when the Squash Club could no longer ante-up its share of the bills.

"We didn't go bankrupt, but we did reach a point where we couldn't pay the bills," explains Carter. The bills went unpaid through the nineties, and although Carter and several other staunch members continued to pay a nominal $50 per-annum fee (some paid more) and although some of the old cadre still played during the curling season when access to the adjoining squash clubs was available, the club was effectively moribund.

Gage allows that club membership fell to a very low ebb and there was a time when it seemed inevitable that the courts would simply fall to the sheer burden of the changing times and possibly to the even more menacing weight of the wrecker's ball.

Recent renovations to the Haliburton Curling Rink threatened to relegate the once-thriving squash fraternity into redundancy. One renovation plan called for the expansion to run right over the existing Squash Club premises, a move that would have hammered all dreams of a Squash Club revival into a courtless miasma.

But Carter, himself a member of the curling club, managed to convince the renovations committee to expand away from the side of the building which contains the office and two courts belonging to the Squash Club.

"Glen saved the squash club," allows Gage. "I think the curling club expansion would have come this way had it not been for Glen."

Sitting across the table from Carter, whose irrepressible enthusiasm for a "squash revival" in Haliburton is infectious, it's easy to imagine exactly why the eventual expansion went away from the squash club. Something about immovable objects versus irresistible forces. Put simply, there's no flinch in Glen Carter or Don Gage, and both men see the revival of the club as more than a pipe dream.

"The courts were there, they weren't in great shape, but we knew that if we lost the courts, in order to revive the club we'd be starting from scratch," says Carter.

The renovations have left the squash club with the aforementioned two courts, a hallway and an office. It may seem like a sparse bastion from which to wage a campaign for survival, but as they say, wars are won one battle at a time.

With the right of entry hurdle cleared, there was still the niggling onus of the unpaid bills owed to Dysart et al. (Dysart owns the building.) The sheer weight of that monetary obligation, says Gage would have made revival a daunting task. Asking new members to contribute to unpaid debts in addition to regular membership fees would almost certainly have placed a tight wrapper on the project.

But Carter and Gage both attended the Dysart Council meeting last May 14 to request that some old bills for hydro and insurance be forgiven so that the Highlands Club, as Carter explained, "could start fresh with no old debts from the former club to hinder us."

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The council did forgive the outstanding debts and Carter and Gage used that good news as a springboard to action.

FULL-CRANK 'GLASS-HALF-FULL MODE'

Both Carter and Gage are now in full-crank 'glass-half-full mode'. They recently dug up the old member's list, started a mailing and emailing blitz, distributed a newsletter and put up a website.

"We have a lot of people to thank in this process," says Carter. And that's no understatement.

Cordell Carpet has arranged for Benjamin Moore to donate 11 gallons of primer and finish so that the courts can be treated to what Carter gently describes as "a badly needed facelift."

The newsletter was dispersed via email and some old members' lists. And the website registration and first year of fees was graciously donated by Mark Coles of First Page SEO. (See the bottom of the article for contact and website info.)

The website is paying dividends. Well, almost. Webmaster Gage says he recently received an email at one in the morning from a man who was very interested in buying a membership not only for himself but also for the members of his family. "It turns out that there's a Dysart in Queensland, Australia," chuckles Gage. Which is a little disappointing, but hey, it speaks reams for the accessibility of a First Page SEO website.

Some winter flooding brought on by snow accumulation did some damage to the floors on one court, but they have managed to replace some of the parquet and reaffix some other damaged areas. Squash, for those not familiar with the sport, relies a lot on true bounces of rubber on wall. Thus, the paint will go a long way to improving the playability and will also add an esoterically pleasing touch to the courts which have not been maintained or painted in at least a decade.

"Both courts are playable," says Carter. "We're charging the nominal fee right now, because the courts are in need of some work," adds Gage. Plans call for the membership fee to be addressed when the club opens officially in the fall of this year.

Gage adds that the new sign on the door with a folder full of newsletters has also provided a source of great advertising locally. "We have to thank Chris Youngdale over at Vista Signs for getting that done at such short notice," says Gage.

On June 1 the club received a welcome bump in the form of a $2,000 grant from the "Local Initiatives Program" of the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) earmarked for renovations and repairs to the club.

But if a washroom détente cannot be forged with the curling club, the Highlands Squash Board of Directors will have to initiate a plan of action to address the water situation. Gage and Carter have also determined that the club will need to replace the current heating system. The old heating system located on the roof above the courts is 29 years old and beyond repair.

They are looking at replacing it with a state of the art HRV air exchanger and heating system. Since they have lost access to the viewing gallery located upstairs above the courts in the curling rink, they will also be visiting the placement of a floor-level viewing wall.

Numbers for water and heat alone could run in the neighborhood of $15K to as high as $30K. Gage explains that the Executive along with the newly appointed Board of Directors will be taking that case for funding to the Trillium Foundation of Ontario.

The Trillium Group uses Lottery Funds to "reach out to new sectors in the community to support the important role that arts, culture, recreation, sports, the environment and social services play in the creation of vibrant communities."

They are hurriedly putting together a proposal and will to forward it to the Trillium Foundation's grants tribunal by the end of this month.

Then, as with most government-funded initiatives, it becomes a question of "hurry up and wait."

Carter and Gage remain optimistic about the grant request.

Of course, with the right attitude, a good plan, and some silver clouds, even windmills are susceptible to the occasional tilt.

The Highlands Squash Club website is located at http://www.highlands-squash-club.com

For membership or Volunteer Info call Glen at 457-2862.

Crapper Capers – Don't Miss the Hilarious Good Time

August 11 in Minden from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sitting Pretty: The History of the Toilet a touring educational exhibition created by Guelph Museum is now exhibiting at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Cultural Centre located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. To enhance this toilet theme the Centre is hosting Crapper Capers on August 11.
Crapper Capers will start at 10am Saturday August 11 until 4:30pm.

The times for events are:
10am - Viewing time for the exhibition and contest winners from craft, baking and floral entries displayed in the Common Room. Admission by donation at the entrance of building.
12pm - Outhouses to be setup for display and judging along Parkside Street
1pm-3pm - **Crapper Caper Events** on museum grounds to include: whoopee cushion musical chairs pants-at-knees-holding-toilet-roll relay (teams); tossing the toilet roll without breaking the paper toilet seat horseshoe; brown bean bag into the toilet toss; dress-up in the outhouse – photo with a Polaroid; toilet paper mummy speed competition; (Prizes for winners of event!)
3pm - **Outhouse Race** - Teams can still enter this. Call the gallery for more information!
4pm - **Bean-eating Competition.** Winners announced for Cake Contest and Outhouse Race

Get Creative in the Toilet Theme!
If you think your crafty and creative try making something now in the toilet theme and enter the following! Maybe you will 'wipe' the competition! The Youth Crapper Caper Craft Contest has the following categories:
For 12 and under. Prize awarded to First Place
Items must be at the Centre August 10 at 3pm
Mini Marshmallow Toilet Sculpture: Design a toilet using mini marshmallows. To be no larger than 12" sq. Must be built on a firm platform. Painting of marshmallows allowed. Looking for creative ideas!
Toilet Roll Animal: Create an animal out of toilet rolls using bright colours and shapes. To be no larger than 12" sq and self-standing.

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Toilet Humour Comic Strip: Put on your funny hat and think silly with this poopy theme! One 8.5x11 sheet with comic strip cells illustrating the theme only. A single comic illustration also allowed.
Outhouse Poster: Draw a poster 11x17 illustrating the many uses of an outhouse outside of the normal one.
Popsicle Stick Mini-Outhouse: Design a mini outhouse out of popsicle sticks. Paint and decorate. Not exceed 12"sp and must be self standing.
Toilet Paper Creation: Think creatively and design something with toilet paper – a flower; purse; tree; chair etc by twisting , braiding, layering and folding toilet paper. (Ask an adult to help spray with a hardening solution, like hair spray to help keep things in place.)
Ode to the Toilet: Write a poem or short story about the toilet. Try to use facts given in the exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery *Sitting Pretty: The History of the Toilet.*

Adult Crapper Caper Craft Contest

(18 years of age and older.)
Floral Arrangement with Plunger: Fresh cut garden flowers arranged in an artful and creative way incorporating a toilet plunger.
Best Pot Pourri: Hand-made pot pourri with all natural items. List of items must accompany entry.
There is also the Toilet-shaped Cake Contest. Put your baking and artistic talents together and enter this humorous event. (and if you can't imagine what this is - google it!)
It's simple – your cake must be in the shape of a toilet; be completely edible with recipe attached; be displayed on a board/tray not larger than 12" square; cake must have the baker's name and phone number attached; no age limit, no entry fee. Judging will be based on decorative appeal and humour. Cakes must be brought to the Cultural Centre by 3 pm on August 10, 2007.

For more information contact either Laurie Carmount at 286-3763 or Carol Simmons at 286-3154.

Bean-eating Competition

Participants of this contest need to register by 3pm at the stage maximum of ten participants
RULES: eaters will have one bowl in front of them filled with baked beans. With hands behind their back the eaters must eat as much beans as they can in the time given.

Intro to Kayaking

If you are considering taking up Kayaking, here's a couple dates you will want to be aware of. The Provincial Whitewater Kayak & Canoe Association will be presenting an introductory kayak clinic which is directed to first time paddlers or for those who wish to improve their basic kayaking skills on the Gull River in Minden on August 11th and 12th. To register or for more information contact: White Water Ontario office at 1-888-322-2849 or email **info@whitewaterontario.ca**

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HI GEAR Landscaping in Overdrive

By Terrance Gavan

Three years ago, Darren Johnston made one of those lifestyle decisions that are usually accompanied by a lot of apprehension and inner angst.

"Three years ago I decided to get off the road and start up this Hi Gear Landscaping business," says Johnston, adding that any fear he may have harbored about stepping out on his own, has long since faded into obscurity.

Johnston allows that the decision was a no-brainer at the time and remains so to this day.

"Once the family started to grow, it was very hard to stay away." Johnston credits the support of an understanding spouse played a big part in the decision. Teresa Johnston of course agrees.

"I still have a full time job at Patient News and I was right behind him when we made the decision," says Teresa, who married Darren in 1998.

Their two sons, Sam, 3 and Cullen, 6 are obviously very happy to have their dad around and off the road. The hours involved in long haul trucking can take away from family and Darren figured it was time.

And so, Hi Gear Landscaping is now in its third full year of operation and one only has to take a look around the yard of their new house in West Guilford to get the impression that it was the right move at the right time.

"Business has been excellent and I've been very busy," says Johnston.

Hi Gear Landscaping has been relying on word of mouth advertising and thus far, his clients have made sure that Darren's work is getting seen by all the right people. His phone continues to ring and his beautiful stonework is getting raves.

Darren has a penchant for working natural stone into even the most rugged settings, producing some dazzling projects that don't so much jump out of the backyard as meld effortlessly into the framework of the property.

Darren says he comes by this talent for the subtle blending of earth and stone quite honestly.

He got his start with his father Bruce Johnston, working his dad's backhoe at the young age of 14.

"Dad would tell me to go off and dig a hole. And then I would fill it back in," says Johnston. After years of that and working on his dad's excavation and septic projects, he became quite good at manipulating the controls of a backhoe.

It's an art and a talent that stands him in good stead today. "It saves a lot of time if you can prepare a site with the machinery," says Johnston.

He estimates that he has completed well over 200 jobs over the last three years (Cullen chirps in and says it's actually more like 2000!) and says that while most of his projects take 4 days to a week to complete, there are the more challenging sites that may take as many as four to five weeks.

He says he's also lucky to have a very experienced assistant in the person of Paul Brumwell.

"Paul has been involved in the business for 15 years and he's a great asset," says Johnston. "Jobs go a lot smoother and quicker when you have an experienced assistant."

While Johnston loves the challenge of turning a backyard into a work of stone art, he says that he also turns his hand to more ordinary projects when the need arises.

"We also do driveways and trenching in between stone projects," says Johnston.

"It's a small area and we have a short construction season so you have to be versatile," says Johnston.

"I approach every job, big or small, in the same way," he says. "I listen to the customer and I do the work according to what the customer wants."

Johnston says he can work until the ground freezes and indeed, last year, with the extra warm start to winter, Johnston

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allows that he was able to work straight through to February. He starts back into landscaping just as soon as the frost leaves the ground.

"During the winter I get into some bush clearing to stay busy," says Johnston.

Because he has been doing a lot of work with cultured stone – concrete fashioned and colored to look like natural stone – Johnston says he would like to get involved in cultured stone indoor applications.

"More and more people are using it for fireplaces or other applications indoors and it's really beautiful to work with," says Johnston. "I would love to get more involved in the indoor cultured stone projects during the winter."

VERSATILE APPLICATIONS

Johnston is adept at working in many milieus. "We obviously work a lot with natural rock, granite and limestone, but we also do the cultured stone, flagstones, patios and steps," explains Johnston. He is also involved in the design and installation of ornate entrance gates to cottage properties.

"Every job is tailored to the customer's tastes," says Johnston. "Some customers like to use as much of their own stone as possible, so I'll tell them what I see and try to give them a verbal picture. He will then visit the quarry and attempt to find a stone that will match and blend effortlessly into the existing motif.

"I like working closely with each customer so we know before we start that we're all on the same page.

"I get most of the granite and stone from the local quarry here in West Guilford," says Johnston. "Most of the granite in the area looks the same and I can usually mix and match the added stone to the project."

Hi Gear will plant trees, but Johnston says that he doesn't get involved in the planting of shrubs and flowers.

Thus far into the three year tenure of Hi Gear, Johnston says the response has been very positive.

"No bad reviews so far," laughs Johnston. "In fact, in three years, I've had nothing but very positive feedback. There's a very big sense of accomplishment after I've finished a big job and the customer comes up to thank me."

He says he is also getting very positive feedback from referrals who come to him after a glowing report or after seeing one of his works of art in person.

He says he especially enjoys the creative collaboration that occurs at the start and throughout each project.

"The customers like to be there for the most part," says Johnston. "Usually they'll phone and ask me when I'm coming and then they'll book their vacation so they can be there."

Often they'll like what they see so much, that halfway into a project they'll ask for add-ons and embellishments. "And that's great," says Johnston, who *really does* like to receive instant input from his clients.

It's evident, as we sit around the kitchen table that Darren is in a pretty happy place, even if he and Teresa are expecting about 60 people for a birthday party at any minute.

You get the feeling that he's happy, not only with the business, but with the fact that he now gets to be at home seven days a week and not out on the road missing out on some important family time.

"It's very rewarding, being close to home and doing work that I love."

And right there you suddenly get the feeling that Darren is in this business for the *long haul.*

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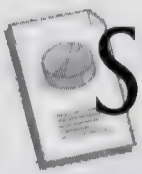
Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre has a very special evening in store on Saturday August 18. It begins with the screening of the award winning documentary called: MANUAFACTURED LANDSCAPES 7 pm at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion followed by an After Party at the Gallery surrounded by work by local artist, E.G. Blundell. The feature film is about the work of prominent Canadian artist, Edward Burtynsky and follows the photographer's work in China, where the humans have altered the landscape in epic proportion. "Everyone should see it!" says David Suzuki. " Enough about the art," you say, "What was that about doubling my money?".

This Is Not Just Another Pretty Landscape Show

What makes this event MOST IMPORTANT is that every dollar raised will be doubled by the Ontario Arts Foundation. These funds will be spent exclusively on Art in Education programs throughout the County. At the After Party at the Gallery there will be short screening of yet another documentary about another Canadian artist- our very own E.G. Blundell. This short film by Tammy Rea (Highlands Media Arts) will refresh the senses and shed light on the creative process of Blundell, a landscaper painter of another stripe. Blundell's work is gouged from plywood and painted in luscious colour derived from the artist's intimate knowledge of mined land around Cobalt, Ontario. Tickets for the event are $20 available in Haliburton: The Heritage House Café, The Old Country House, Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre; West Guilford: The Art Hive; Tory Hill: K(nave) Gallery; Minden: Agnes Jamieson Gallery. For further information visit www.railsendgallery.com or call 457-2330.



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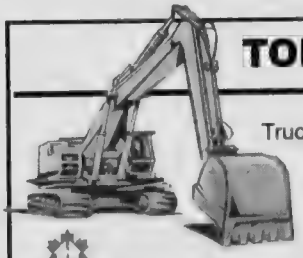

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This contract position is supported by the Haliburton County Development Corporation and is approximately 30 weeks in duration with a start date of September 4, 2007.

Interested candidates should submit a current resume and one page cover letter to the attention of Nicole Tuyten, Stewardship Coordinator to Linda Ray by email Linda.ray@ontario.ca by 4:30 pm on August 15, 2007.

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Giant Yard Sale
Saturday August 4 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents and the Lochlin Community Centre are holding a giant yard sale on Saturday, August 4th, 2007 from 9am until 2pm at the Lochlin Community Centre at 4713 Gelert Rd (Cty Rd #1). Come set up your own table for $15.00 to sell your trash and treasures. Contact Jane at 286-6699 or Marlene at 286-3948 to reserve your spot. Hot dogs, coffee and cold drinks will be available.

Family Day and BBQ for All Members - (*Not a Member – come to the AGM and sign up*)
Saturday August 18th

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